

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2021/411

Honoring the life and service of local Journalist and Historian Chris Treadway

WHEREAS, the late Chris Treadway's enduring work as a journalist and historian has enriched the culture and positively impacted the people of Contra Costa County for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Chris began his journalistic career in the East Bay 35 years ago, as a reporter, editor and columnist for the El Cerrito Journal, The Montclarion, and the Berkeley Voice from 1986 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, as a reporter for the Contra Costa Times, West County Times, and East Bay Times from 2002 to 2018, and an editor for the West County Times from 2012 to 2015, the major focus of Chris' work was West Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, Chris wrote a popular column, "Our Neighbors", for the West County Times from 2005 to 2016 where many articles focused on local community groups and issues facing El Cerrito which did much to boost community knowledge and involvement; and

WHEREAS, Chris first began his journalistic career at an early age in the Bay Area attending public schools in Oakland, publishing his first newspaper while he was still in the fourth grade, graduating from Skyline High School in 1973, and earning a degree in journalism at San Francisco State University in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Chris has gathered and publicized much information pertaining to the history of El Cerrito and has been working on a much anticipated book on the city's history for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, to the Richmond Museum of History and Culture, Chris has donated the archives he acquired of George Johnson, a remarkable Richmond man who was the state's oldest living resident and last World War I veteran when he died at age of 112; and

WHEREAS, Chris was the leading journalist documenting Richmond's Rosie the Riveters and Ranger Betty Reid Soskin at the Rosie the Riveter National Park in Richmond, keeping their stories alive and vivid for generations of readers while nurturing personal relationships with them and their families; and

WHEREAS, when consolidation resulted in the loss of the West County Times' local news section, Chris continued to faithfully publish his Our Neighbors column online for local readers, fostering understanding, appreciation, and community-building in Contra Costa County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, until his passing in 2021, Chris and his wife Diana lived in El Cerrito since

1985, and since 1991 with their son Henry who graduated with honors from El Cerrito High School, earned the rank of Eagle Scout through the Boy Scouts of America, and attended the University of California Berkeley before his passing in 2012,
that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize in gratitude Chris Treadway for his efforts and writings over the decades that have provided immeasurable, enduring enrichment to Contra Costa County and the Bay Area.

DIANE BURGIS
Chair, District III Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF
District IV Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an
action taken
and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on
the date
shown.

ATTESTED: December 14, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy