The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of honoring Contra Costa Superior Court Commissioner Stephen F. Houghton

RESOLUTION NO. 2013/59

WHEREAS, Commissioner Stephen F. Houghton retired at the end of November 2012 from his service to the people of Contra Costa County, after having served with great distinction on the Bench of the Contra Costa Superior Court for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Stephen F. Houghton has rendered justice in countless traffic, small claims and unlawful detainer cases, other civil cases including civil harassment and domestic violence restraining matters, and most recently has presided over juvenile dependency and delinquency cases, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Stephen F. Houghton received his Juris Doctor in 1973 from the Southwestern University School of Law, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Stephen F. Houghton's legal career has also included serving as a Deputy Public Defender in Contra Costa County (1974-1979), and being in private practice with Houghton & Meaden (1979-1991) representing clients in both civil and criminal matters; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Stephen F. Houghton also served in the United States, in Army Counterintelligence, as a Paratrooper and in the Domestic Disturbance Operation (1966-1969), and received a commendation medal for counterintelligence operations (1967).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County congratulates Commissioner Stephen F. Houghton on the occasion of his retirement, thanks him for his dedicated service to the people of this county and extends to him and his family its best wishes for continued health, happiness, and prosperity in the years to come; and for the upcoming celebration with his wife Dianne of their 28th wedding anniversary in Mazatlan.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members the sent this 15th day of January, 2013.

FEDERALD. GLOVER

Chair,

District V Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

MARY N. PIEPHO District III Supervisor ANDACE ANDERSEN District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV 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: January 15, 2013

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and

Deputy