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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those renowned organizations which devote their energy, resources and thoughtful care to improving the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, The Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club is part of the largest service organization in the world; Lions Club International is an organization deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Camarillo-Somis Lions Club and the entire Lions Organization is to evaluate the needs within the community, without regard to politics, religion or race, and to support humanitarian projects in response to those needs; and

WHEREAS, Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually-impaired; this service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the Lions' 1925 international convention; and WHEREAS, The Camarillo-Somis Lions Club focuses its energies on various community activities such as providing transportation and sighted-guide assistance to visually impaired shoppers, and providing assistive technology for the blind and visually impaired; they also host the annual 4th of July fireworks show, as well as the annual PV Lions ROP Car Show in May; and

WHEREAS, The Club sponsors an annual 5K run and 1K kids run, an award winning float in the annual Camarillo Christmas Parade, and a Flag Day for third graders in all Camarillo and Somis elementary schools, during which Lion members visit each third grade class to talk about the Ameri-

can Flag and present each student with their own American Flag; and WHEREAS, In addition to the many local charitable activities and programs, the club also donates funds to support numerous large organizations such as, the Braille Institute, City of Hope, Guide Dogs of America, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., Lions Sight and Hearing Center, Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association of Santa Barbara, Inc., S.E.E. International, Aeromedicos of Santa Barbara, Ear of the Lion, Inc., Lions Clubs Student Speakers Foundation and Southern California Lions Eye Institute; and WHEREAS, The Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club is destined to continue its noble mission of service to the community, and to the world, exemplifying the ideals of Lions Club International for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club, commending its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life in the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club.