

# Resolution

## THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOLUTION HONORING CHUCK HUGGINS

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECEIVING THE 2002 SAN MATEO COUNTY  
AMERICAN HEART AWARD

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**WHEREAS**, Charles N. "Chuck" Huggins is president and chief executive officer of See's Candy Shops Inc., which has more than 5,000 employees, has annual sales revenue of more than \$300 million and operates more than 200 candy shops in the Western United States; and

**WHEREAS**, born to American parents in Vancouver, British Columbia, he grew up in Portland, Ore., where his pioneer grandparents settled in the 1880s. He served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army 513<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment during World War II. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in English from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, he moved to California with his wife, Mime. Two years later he was hired by See's; and

**WHEREAS**, he has worked at See's for more than five decades and has worked in virtually every part of the company. He started out managing the Packing Department and worked his way up the company ladder, learning every aspect of the See's business, including candy-making, purchasing, real estate, negotiating store location leases, sales, marketing, construction and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1972, the See family, which founded the company in 1921, decided to sell the company to investment entrepreneur Warren Buffett, chairman of the Berkshire Hathaway group. The family turned to Chuck Huggins to ensure a smooth ownership transition. His effectiveness and devotion to the company were rewarded – one of the first decisions made by Buffett was to appoint Chuck Huggins as president and CEO; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck has served on the boards of countless community nonprofit organizations, including the Family Service Agency and the San Mateo County Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, quietly, without fanfare or any desire for personal attention, Chuck Huggins, personally and through his company, has donated money, equipment, business acumen, time and attention to dozens of community organizations and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck was instrumental in the founding and financing of Mime's Café in downtown Redwood City, a café that provides employment and training for unemployed youth and adults. The café is named for his late wife; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck's unhesitating generosity, the breadth of his gifts, his unstinting sense of community, his depth of responsibility, his caring leadership and his continuous philanthropy, make Chuck Huggins the fitting recipient of the first San Mateo County American Heart Award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California hereby honors Chuck Huggins for receiving the first San Mateo County American Heart Award.

*Date: June 20, 2002*

SUPERVISORS:

  
JERRY HILL, PRESIDENT

