

Resolution

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

THE BELLO FAMILY

WHEREAS, on this 15th day of November, two thousand and two, THE BELLO FAMILY is honored for over 130 years in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, THE BELLO FAMILY embodies a five generation tradition of agriculture on the coastside; and

WHEREAS, THE BELLO FAMILY first arrived in the United States in the 1870's, when Antone Lewis Bello came to the San Mateo County coastside from the island of Sao Jorge in the Azores and decided to stay after he met Anne Furtado, "this little girl in San Francisco," who became the love of his life; and

WHEREAS, THE BELLO FAMILY first settled down in Half Moon Bay where Antone Bello, Jr. and Annie Serpa raised five children on land west of Highway 1, where they cultivated carrots, beets, beans, peas, artichokes, and onions; and

WHEREAS, THE BELLO FAMILY kept their business going strong even after the 1906 earthquake, exchanges with some crooked produce dealers, and the occasional frost; and

WHEREAS, THE BELLO FAMILY in 1933 began growing field flowers when Harold and Leigh rented land from the Daneri family, starting the family's tradition of growing daisies, heather, iris, and snapdragons, and later discovered the promise of phone-ordered flower deliveries; and

WHEREAS, THE BELLO FAMILY to this day stays committed to growing flowers with its 5th generation of Clint, Wendi, Ryan, and Kevin who stay active in the flower business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County extends their congratulations to THE BELLO FAMILY, for their contributions in agriculture and the flower business for over 130 years and with good fortune for many more to come.

DATED: November 15, 2002

SUPERVISORS:

JERRY HILL, PRESIDENT