Resolution

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMENDING AND HONORING

RICH HEDGES

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that RICH HEDGES has, throughout his twenty-eight year career as a union organizer, devoted himself to protecting the rights of working men and women everywhere; and

WHEREAS, RICH HEDGES was born in a working class neighborhood of Kansas City, Missouri and joined the United Food and Commercial Workers Union in 1958 at the age of 16 on his second day of work at Safeway; and

WHEREAS, RICH HEDGES earned a Bachelors Degree in American History in 1970 from Emporia State University in Kansas and a Masters Degree in History in 1973 from San Francisco State; and

WHEREAS, RICH HEDGES, after being offered employment by UFCW International in 1974, he was elected President of UFCW Local 1100 and became the Organizing Crew Coordinator for the UFCW in California in 1985. He is a lifetime member of UFCW Local 101; and

WHEREAS, RICH HEDGES held International UFCW positions of Director, Special Project Organizing Team; Special Assistant to the Director of UFCW Region 8; and Executive Assistant to the Director Region 8; and

WHEREAS, RICH HEDGES has been re-elected to many terms on the San Mateo County Central Labor Council's Executive Board and he is an active member of the Hillsdale United Methodist Church in San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, RICH HEDGES has been married to his wife Linda for over 30 years. They have a daughter Kimberly and three grandchildren; Emily, Laura Scott, and Abigail Scott.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby honor RICH HEDGES for his passion and discipline and for dedicating his life to improving the lives of working men and women. Whenever we think 'Union Organizer', we think of Rich Hedges.

DATED: July 15, 2003

SUPERVISORS:

Mark Church