

# Resolution

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

## FIRE CHIEF RUSS LEE

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WTYEREAS, on this 12th day of January, two thousand and four, FIRE CHIEF RUSS LEE is honored for his thirty-four years of distinguished service in the South San Francisco Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, FIRE CHIEF RUSS LEE has lived in South San Francisco since he was four years old having attended South San Francisco schools before graduating with honors from St. Mary's College and obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management and later receiving an Advanced Fire Science Certificate from the College of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, FIRE CHIEF RUSS LEE served two years in the United States Army as a Sergeant with a combat unit in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, FIRE CHIEF RUSS LEE began his career with the South San Francisco Fire Department in 1969 and held numerous positions before becoming Fire Chief in 1997; and

WHEREAS, FIRE CHIEF RUSS LEE has greatly contributed to the Department's efficacy by organizing the Department's first safety committee, developing the City's ambulance transportation program, implementing the Community Preservation Task Force, introducing an updated fire code to improve life safety in buildings, implementing a County-based Emergency Medical Dispatch program, introducing the paramedic engine company program to the Department and developing an organizational structure to improve the fire prevention division and code enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, FIRE CHIEF RUSS LEE has played an active role in numerous community organizations including the Lions Club, the El Camino High School Boosters, the PTA, the American Red Cross and the South San Francisco Girls Softball League; and

WHEREAS, FIRE CHIEF RUSS LEE has served with distinction, honor, courage, loyalty and compassion toward making our community a safer place to live,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County expresses congratulations and sincere gratitude to FIRE CHIEF RUSS LEE for thirty-four years of extraordinary and outstanding service to the City of South San Francisco, and wishes him happiness and good health upon his retirement from the South San Francisco Fire Department.

DATED: January 22, 2004

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