

Resolution

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

ROBERTO MENDEZ

WHEREAS, on this twenty-third day of July, 2004, ROBERTO MENDEZ is honored at the 25th Annual C.O.P.E. Banquet; and

WHEREAS, ROBERTO MENDEZ was born in Guatemala City to working class parents and moved to the United States in 1968, seeking a better life and the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, a Military School graduate, volunteer fire fighter and avid baseball fan, ROBERTO MENDEZ worked long hours in a New Jersey textile factory with no benefits, overtime pay, or safety protection; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, ROBERTO MENDEZ began his career at United Air Lines, immediately becoming an active union member; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, ROBERTO MENDEZ was elected Machinists Local Union 1781 Shop Steward and later became Chair of the Local 1781 Community Services Committee in 2000; and

WHEREAS, ROBERTO MENDEZ was selected by Machinists District 141 to serve as West Coast Employee Assistance Program coordinator providing information and assistance to more than 3,500 UAL employees locally, helping them cope with the stresses of life including substance abuse, personal problems, and harassment; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, ROBERTO MENDEZ helped to organize resources for thousands of displaced Bay Area Workers by coordinating re-employment and re-training services in cooperation with the San Mateo County Peninsula Works program and assisting in more than 80 Rapid Response sessions; and

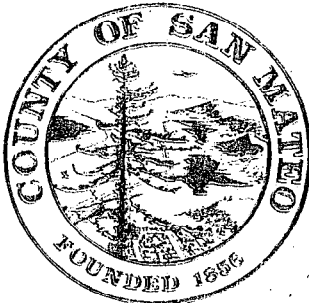
WHEREAS, ROBERTO MENDEZ organized a monthly food distribution at Machinists Local 1781, providing more than 350,000 pounds of food to hundreds of displaced workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, ROBERTO MENDEZ is a dedicated citizen of our community with a strong will and a passionate sense of justice; who came to America in search of the American Dream and has worked tirelessly ever since to make the Dream a reality, not only for himself and his family, but for all working class families,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors expresses their congratulations to ROBERTO MENDEZ and wishes him good health and continued success in all future endeavors to bring justice, safety, community resources and compassion to the workplace.

DATED: July 23, 2004

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