Resolution

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

WISNOM HARDWARE COMPANY 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, patriarch and pioneer Robert WISNOM arrived in the United States in 1868 as a penniless, 21-year-old Irish carpenter with a grammar school education and through tenacity and hard work, started several businesses, bought property, helped organize San Mateo's first bank and went on to become a leader of the San Mateo community; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 1905, two of Robert WISNOM's eight children, Robert James and younger brother William, together with business partner Robert Bonner, founded WISNOM-Bonner Hardware which operated as such until 1925 when the partnership dissolved and the store's name was changed to WISNOM HARDWARE; and

WHEREAS, the WISNOM HARDWARE COMPANY has occupied many locations in downtown San Mateo, including 201 Second Avenue at Ellsworth Street and the WISNOM Building at First Avenue and B Street, and is currently located at First Avenue and South Delaware Street where an extensive selection of hardware, houseware and giftware can be found; and

WHEREAS, three generations of the WISNOM family have owned and operated WISNOM HARDWARE COMPANY and is today run by Suzi WISNOM Nelson and her husband, Dick Nelson, who are carrying on the family tradition of offering a friendly, personal shopping environment where quality goods at a fair price in an atmosphere of respect and welcome are ever present,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, recognizes and congratulates WISNOM HARDWARE COMPANY on 100 years of service to the community and looks forward to continued success for generations to come.

Dated: November 12, 2005

Supervisors:

Richard S. Gordon, President

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