

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Leonard Edwards, after nearly twenty-six years on the bench, will retire on May 4, 2006 having served on numerous professional organizations and been recognized for many national awards including the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Judge Leonard Edwards has fashioned new programs to unify families, dealt with domestic violence, improved foster care, opened up the secretive juvenile court system, and in 1998 founded a dependency drug treatment court in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Leonard Edwards regularly ranked among the highest in local bar association surveys of the judges while his speeches and writings spread across the country extending his reputation well beyond the chambers of San Jose, California; and

WHEREAS, Judge Leonard Edwards founded the Child Advocates of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties in 1986, and the Juvenile Court Judges of California in 1988, and the Greenbook Project Santa Clara County in 1997 as well as co-founded Kids in Common in 1989, and Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council in 1991 and the Forensic Human Services Certificate Program in 1992.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, does hereby honor and commend

JUDGE LEONARD EDWARDS

for being one of the most effective and progressive trial judges in America.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Second Day of May, Two Thousand and Six by unanimous vote.

James T. Beall, Jr., Chair
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

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Supervisor, District Two

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Supervisor, District Three

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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez

Clerk, Board of Supervisors