

WHEREAS, Norman Mineta is the longest serving Secretary in the history of the U.S. Department of Transportation becoming the 14th Secretary of Transportation in 2001, and served as the first Asian-American Cabinet member during the Clinton administration and the first Asian American Mayor of San Jose; and

WHEREAS, Norman Mineta guided the creation of the Transportation Security Administration which was charged with protecting Americans as they travel across the country, and the agency has restored air travelers' confidence in aviation security following the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, Norman Mineta was the driving force behind the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which officially apologized for and redressed the injustices endured by Japanese Americans during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Norman Mineta received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Medal from George Washington University for his contributions to the field of civil rights, and received the Panetta Institute's Jefferson-Lincoln Award for his bi-partisan leadership in addressing the nation's challenges; and

WHEREAS, Norman Mineta has served at many levels of government including as U.S. Secretary of Commerce under President Clinton and U.S. House of Representatives where he was known for his dedication to the people of his district, for consensus building among his colleagues and for forging public-private partnerships;

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

NORMAN Y. MINETA

for receiving the Exemplary Leader Award from American Leadership Forum-Silicon Valley for exemplifying the power of boundary-crossing leadership.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Sixth Day of February, Two Thousand and Seven by unanimous vote.

Donald F. Gage, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor, District Two

Pete McHugh
Supervisor, District Three

Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

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Supervisor, District Five

Attest: Phyllis A. Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors