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Board of  
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R E S O L U T I O N

**WHEREAS**, Richard Joseph Parker was born on June 30, 1937 in Boston, Massachusetts, to his parents, Joseph D. and Natalie Parker, a school teacher and first generation Swedish woman; and

**WHEREAS**, he was raised in Cotuit, Massachusetts, a charming village on the South shore of Cape Cod, had the good fortune to reside next door to the family of Betty Hayden, and also lived with the Haydens during summers at Hebron; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard attended Barnstable High School for one year before going on to the prestigious Hebron Academy in Maine for three years, during which time he was active in sports and was a popular and successful summer-time milk truck driver; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard attended Brandeis University and graduated from Boston University with a BA in Political Science, a time when he and his roommates were truly fortunate to rent a room to Betty and Judy while they finished up at Simmons College; he then started in sales with big Pharma, in Boston, and he went on to Philadelphia to conduct market research and training for nine years; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard continued his work in clinical research sales at Tracerlab before starting his first company, Medical Technical Research Associates (MTRA), doing research in the safety and efficacy of pharmaceutical drugs, and growing the company to 250 employees before he sold it (profitably!) in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard founded ProMedica in 1997, a company that studies the safety of pharmaceutical drugs and is successful to this day (still marketing for Whiting's!); and

**WHEREAS**, Richard has had a dynamic and interesting family life, producing two children, Christopher and Tamsen, with his first wife, then marrying Stephanie, with whom they had a son, Bradford, then separated for 20 years, were divorced for ten, and have been happily re-united; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Joseph Parker, on his way to board his pet parrot for a recent trip to China, suffered a life-threatening allergic reaction in the car, but managed to reach a hospital with only minutes to spare, endured open heart surgery and a five-way bypass and, thankfully, recovered, an experience he found "humbling and traumatic"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, LIZ KNISS, (aka Betty Hayden) Fifth District Supervisor (elected) of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, do hereby honor and celebrate

**RICHARD JOSEPH PARKER**

and his 70 years of wisdom, wit, enduring friendships, and deep love for his wife and three children who, in his words, have made him "the happiest man alive."

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this Thirtieth Day of June 2007.

Supervisor Liz Kniss  
County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors