

WHEREAS, Vu Van Loc was born in 1933 in Vietnam, graduated from the Dalat Academy in 1954, and began a career in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, rising to the rank of colonel;

WHEREAS, Mr. Vu settled in Santa Clara County after fleeing Vietnam following the Fall of Saigon and the Communist takeover of the country;

WHEREAS, shortly after arriving in Santa Clara County, Mr. Vu began working with the then Indochinese Resettlement & Cultural Center, later renamed the Immigrant Resettlement & Cultural Center, or IRCC, to help refugees and immigrants from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam who were settling in Northern California. Under his leadership, IRCC became a permanent community-based organization that has provided assistance with everything from English as a Second Language classes to U.S. citizenship applications to more than 20,000 immigrants across six decades;

WHEREAS, Mr. Vu has worked tirelessly to ensure that the history of the Republic of Vietnam, the sacrifices of those who served in that country's military, and the journey of the Vietnamese Boat people are not forgotten by founding the Viet Museum at History Park in San José; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vu has also worked to preserve history in Vietnam by raising funds in 1993 to protect and restore the abandoned Bien Hoa Military Cemetery at a time when the Vietnamese government was destroying other military cemeteries of the Republic of Vietnam.

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

Vu Van Loc

for his life-long commitment and contributions to the Vietnamese community in Santa Clara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this Twenty-Seventh Day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty-four by unanimous vote.

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