



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 11, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Honoring and Congratulating Cheryl LaFranchi,
Sonoma County Farm Bureau 2024 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Whereas, Sonoma County Farm Bureau was established in 1917 with the mission of uniting voices to protect agriculture in Sonoma County for future generations; and

Whereas, the annual Sonoma County Farm Bureau Love of the Land is a mid-summer celebration honoring agricultural award winners who are leading the way to preserve Sonoma County's rich farming heritage; and

Whereas, Cheryl LaFranchi, Sonoma County native, lifelong cattle rancher and staunch advocate for family farm life, has been inducted into the Sonoma County Farm Bureau's Hall of Fame in recognition of her extraordinary contributions in the fields of agriculture; and

Whereas, Cheryl was born and raised on the family ranch named after the majestic oaks settled by her grandfather, Swiss immigrant Massimino LaFranchi, at the bottom of the Knights Valley in the Mayacamas mountains over 100 years ago; and

Whereas, Cheryl has shepherded Oak Ridge Angus Ranch through economic and environmental challenges while faithfully focusing on regenerative sustainable farming practices, superior animal genetics, supporting community, championing family values and preserving Sonoma County's rich agricultural heritage; and

Whereas, Cheryl along with her husband, Dr. Frank Mongini DVM, discovered the

benefits of feeding spent brewers' grain from Sonoma County's thriving micro-brewing beer industry as a supplement to the free range grasses the cattle graze on providing sustainable locally sourced recycled nutrition; and

Whereas, Cheryl created the Range-to-Table program in 2010 aiming to provide locally grown beef to community members in collaboration with the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Range-to-Table utilizes otherwise unmarketable animals from Oak Ridge Angus Ranch, and partner ranches, to donate up to 24,000 pounds per year of high protein ground beef; and

Whereas, Cheryl has lent her expertise, leadership and work ethic to numerous state, regional and local boards as well as supporting local youth in agriculture; and

Whereas, Cheryl has said a guiding principal in her life is her family and the heritage and legacy of the ranch she hopes to preserve in the LaFranchi family for generations to come, considering it her greatest accomplishment.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate Cheryl LaFranchi on her 2024 induction into Sonoma County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame, and further confers their sincere thanks and respect for her lifetime of continued service to Sonoma County agriculture.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.