



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 14, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,

Congratulating Kip Herzog on the Celebration of His 90th Birthday, and

Honoring and Acknowledging the Numerous Contributions, both Civic and Agricultural

Benefitting Sonoma County and Beyond

Whereas, Max “Kip” Herzong was born June 15, 1936, in San Francisco, California; and

Whereas, Kip attended grammar school at the Lakeville Highway Grammer School, where he was one of nine students who all lived on Lakeville Road. He attended Petaluma High School, and then earned his Bachelor of Science from UC Davis in 1960. In 1993 he received the prestigious Award of Distinction from the University of California Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; and

Whereas, Kip is the third generation operating the Sleepy Hollow Dairy following his grandfather and father, entering into partnership with his father Max in 1961. Sleepy Hollow Dairy was one of the most respected providers of outstanding Registered Holstein genetics in the dairy industry with the name synonymous with superior genetics world-wide; and

Whereas, on March 26, 1966, Kip and Marilyn (Jacobs) were married and are in their 60th year of a marriage which includes an active partnership in the Sleepy Hollow Dairy legacy, a devotion and deep commitment to local agriculture, civic responsibility, and support of youth in agriculture. They are the proud parents of three children, Jennifer, Tricia and Trent with five

grandchildren between them; and one great grandchild. Incidentally, he is an enthusiastic and committed 49ers fan who has been a season ticket holder for over 40 years, and

Whereas, over the years, Kip has been the recipient of numerous acknowledgements and awards including: Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder, Holstein Association Elite Breeder Award, he is a member of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame, he and Marilyn were awarded the Petaluma Award of Excellence in Agriculture, Livestock Man of the Year in 2000, Gene and Evelyn Benedetti Award in 2009 and much more, as well as those associated with his transitioning to viticulture; and

Whereas, Kip Herzog exemplifies a life lived with grace, integrity, honor, commitment to family, friends and community, and is a living testament to upstanding values serving as an example to all.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors congratulates Kip Herzog on the occasion of his 90th birthday, and sincerely thanks him for his many acts of civic responsibility and commitment, as well as his notable contribution to the advancement of the Holstein breed in the United States and beyond.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.