



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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### **Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma, State of California, Honoring Stephen Gale for his years of Public Service and his Retirement from Congressman Mike Thompson's office**

**WHEREAS**, Born in Champaign, Illinois, Stephen moved to West Palm Beach, Florida in his childhood and eventually settled in California where he has lived in Sonoma County over 30 years spending the last 25 as a resident of Santa Rosa with wife Maria Peluso; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen graduated with Honors from Bellarmine College Prep located in San Jose, California, obtained a Bachelor's Degree with Honors in Economics from San Jose State University and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Southern California; and

**WHEREAS**, since the age of fourteen; he started working, first picking apricots and after graduating from college, in Aerospace where he was promoted as the youngest Section Head at Hughes Aircraft Company where he directed the staff that provided logistics support for the F/A 18 fighter jet flight test program and continued to support the aircraft in production; and

**WHEREAS**, he began a second career in private industry becoming the Director of Strategic Investments for Fair Isaac, located in San Rafael, California; providing planning and financial analysis services followed by ten years as owner of Wellspring Business Development before joining the office of Congressman Mike Thompson from which he is now retiring after seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen was active in civic affairs serving on the Board of Public Utilities for the City of Santa Rosa, he was appointed as the Business Representative to the Commission that established the structure of the Sonoma-Marin Area Regional Transportation system and was a founding Chair of the Advisory Board of the North Bay Leadership Council; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as Chair of the Sonoma County Democratic Party where he managed numerous candidate and issue campaigns in Sonoma County, including President Obama's two campaigns as Chair, and he is a current member of the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party and a member of their Executive Board; and

**WHEREAS**, major community contributions include creation of the first organization in the state to develop standards for preventing repetitive keyboard use stress injuries and as Chair of the Board of Public Utilities; the operation of their water distribution, waste-water management system and a project using the geysers in the county as a renewable resource; and

**WHEREAS**, other community contributions include his leadership in organizing and completing a weeklong Business Simulation to impart entrepreneurial skills among high school students for which he was honored with a Gold Resolution by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen Gale is described as a loyal and diplomatic problem solver who represents the interests of organizations well and with the ability to make complex information easily understandable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby Congratulate Stephen Gale on his years of Public Service and his Retirement from Congressman Mike Thompson's office.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:            Rabbitt:            Coursey:            Gore:            Hopkins:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**