

WHEREAS, Ernest Kraule served the residents of Saratoga for 34 years as the Fire Chief for the Saratoga Fire District; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kraule will embark on his new role as District Liaison for the construction of the new fire station in Saratoga; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kraule was born in San Francisco and raised in Saratoga. As a teenager, Ernest was very interested in fire service and at the age of 21, he put that interest to work and began volunteering for the Saratoga Fire District; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kraule worked his way up to the top and became part-time Chief in 1969 and full-time Chief in 1974. He also twice served as President of the Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kraule transformed the Saratoga Fire Department from one that was mostly staffed by volunteer firefighters to an organization that has approximately doubled in size to 29 employees, most of whom are paid; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kraule emphasized safety and prevention and eventually established relating city codes and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kraule has contributed a great deal to the community in the past 34 years;

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

ERNEST KRAULE

for his outstanding service as Chief of the Saratoga Fire District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty-fifth Day of March, Two Thousand and Three by unanimous vote.