

**WHEREAS**, Marvin Minsky is Toshiba Professor of Media Arts and Sciences and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at MIT and is being honored with the 2006 Fellow Award by the Computer History Museum of Mountain View, California; and

**WHEREAS**, Marvin Minsky has pioneered intelligence-based mechanical robotics and telepresence and has designed some of the first mechanical hands with tactile sensors, visual scanners and their software and computer interfaces; and

**WHEREAS**, Marvin Minsky's work has straddled computer science and psychology, resulting in ground-breaking works such as Matter, Mind and Models (1963), A Framework for Representing Knowledge (1974), and The Society of Mind (1986), with The Emotion Machine: Commonsense Thinking, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future of the Mind to be released later this year; and

**WHEREAS**, Marvin Minsky is the recipient of dozens of awards including the ACM Turing Award, the Japan Prize and the Benjamin Franklin Medal.

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

## MARVIN MINSKY

for co-founding the field of artificial intelligence, building the first artificial neural network, creating an early robotics system, and developing the "Society of Mind" theory of human and machine intelligence.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this Seventeenth Day of October, Two Thousand and Six by unanimous vote.

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James T. Beall, Jr., Chair  
Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor, District One

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Supervisor, District Two

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Supervisor, District Three

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Supervisor, District Five

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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez

Clerk, Board of Supervisors