

WHEREAS, Zack Taich, working on his Boy Scout Eagle service project, turned to his assistant scoutmaster, Mike Malone, for advice, and together they created a lasting legacy by producing a guide to hiking and learning about San Jose’s mercury-mining heritage in the Almaden Quicksilver County Park; and

WHEREAS, Zack Taich’s brochure chronicles the second-most productive mercury mining operations in the world and will guide hikers on the challenging 6.5 mile route marked by numbered redwood posts corresponding to points on the map, thereby enhancing hikers’ historical awareness; and

WHEREAS, Zack Taich spent considerable time with the Park’s ranger and interpreter as he planned the project and learned about the Park, and weeks with the Park’s staff to ensure that his words matched the historical record; Zack has driven this project since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Zack Taich and Mike Malone and with the help of Zack’s sister Jessica, designed and produced a medal that will be awarded to scouts who hike the historical trail and will also be sold to raise funds for the Boy Scout Shop in San Jose and the Almaden-Quicksilver Museum; and

WHEREAS, Zack Taich has incorporated the moral and financial support of his father Tim, design talents of his sister, wisdom and guidance of Mike Malone, assistance of his fellow troop members and other volunteers throughout the project;

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

Zack Taich

for his commitment to the Boy Scouts and producing a senior project that will bring enjoyment and educational information to the citizens of Santa Clara County for generations to come.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty Fourth Day of June, Two Thousand Eight by unanimous vote.

Pete McHugh, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors