

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



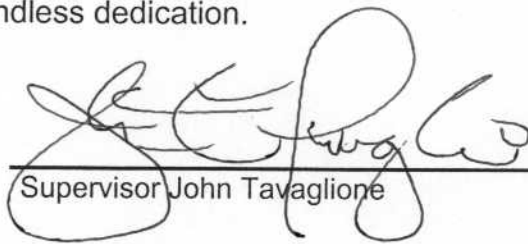
FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Proclamation in Remembrance of the Service of Pat Merritt

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors join me and the Department of Animal Services in remembering Pat Merritt who selflessly dedicated herself as an advocate for homeless animals of Riverside County for more than 30 years.

BACKGROUND: For more than thirty years, Pat Merritt was outspoken in her mission to help homeless animals and to encourage spaying and neutering to reduce the population of unwanted pets. She acted as a voice for those with no voice and selflessly dedicated herself to ensuring animals in shelters were treated compassionately. On many occasions, Ms. Merritt found herself before this Board and many that preceded us to keep us focused on this potentially forgotten population. Pat Merritt worked with other community supporters to ensure that the Riverside City/County Animal Shelter included a spay and neuter clinic, and thereafter kept a watchful eye on public spay and neuter funds. Ms. Merritt made herself known to the elected bodies, their staff, animal shelter leadership and staff. She was a respected member of our Riverside community and one who will be long remembered for her endless dedication.



Supervisor John Tavaglione

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