

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Benoit, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015, be adjourned in memory of Ralph Starr de la Cruz, a resident of Riverside who passed away on October 14, 2015.

Born on October 9, 1924, Ralph was a resident of Riverside for 57 years. He worked as a psychiatric social worker for the County of Riverside.

Ralph was a devoted husband to his wife Cecilia who preceded him in death and a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, and friend. His memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Ralph Starr de la Cruz.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on October 20, 2015 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: October 20, 2015

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By: Wolf Co Colins Deput

AGENDA NO.



On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Benoit, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015, be adjourned in memory of David Bishop.

A loyal employee of Riverside County, David began his successful career with the Department of Environmental Health as an Environmental Health Specialist I in 1994. After leaving for a promotion to Sonoma County, he was rehired in 1999 as an Environmental Health Specialist IV.

David was a loving husband to his wife Regina and a devoted father, brother, uncle, and friend. His memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

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By: Mollo Oe Oclim Deputy

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015, be adjourned in memory of Milton Katz, a 92-year-old resident of Cathedral City who passed away on September 24, 2015.

Born on April 5, 1923 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, "Milt" proudly served in the U.S. Army as a Master Welder during World War II. He was loaned to General George Patton to weld iron onto the front of tanks to create "hedgerow cutters." It enabled tanks to plow across the land and cut down nearly anything, giving the Allies a tactical advantage. After the war, Milton became a contractor and worked for the Denny's Restaurant chain. He supervised installation of stainless steel kitchens in 1200 restaurants.

Retiring 30 years ago, "Milt" moved to Cathedral City where he was active in the community. He volunteered 10 years for the Cathedral City Police Department program "Citizens on Patrol" and was recipient of the City's "2013 Senior Inspiration Award" for his dedication to community service. Upon hearing of his volunteer work, Congressman Raul Ruiz, who represents California's 36th Congressional District, wrote: "Your eagle eye has contributed to the safety and security of Cathedral City. You are truly a role model for all age groups that wish to give back to the community."

Milt was a loving and devoted husband, father, step-father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. His memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015, be adjourned in memory of Anthony William (Tony) Sroka, Ph.D, a prominent resident of Indian Wells, California who passed away on September 29, 2015.

Born in 1917 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Tony became a manufacturing engineer. In 1942 he joined the U.S. Air Force and spent the next 20 years traveling the world and retired in 1962 as a Major. He then pursued his Master's Degree in Education, became a counselor at an Indian School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and later a professor at Kentucky State University. He later founded his own engineering company, TriOnics, and consulted on many projects for the Military and NASA.

Earning his Ph.D at the age of 80, Tony was a "lover of knowledge" and would share that knowledge with everyone. Active in the community, he was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Palm Desert and sang in the choir.

Tony was a loving and devoted husband, father, teacher, counselor, mentor, and friend. His memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Anthony William (Tony) Sroka, Ph.D.

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By: Mech On Deliver Deputy

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015, be adjourned in memory of Arthur S. Block.

A "devout Michigan State Spartan," Arthur completed his undergraduate work at Michigan State University in 1965 with post-graduate credits in Psychology. While in college, he taught sociology and civics at Detroit's Western High School, where he started the swim team and was assistant basketball coach. He received his J.D. Degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1971.

After regularly visiting his mother and stepfather in Palm Springs, Arthur relocated to the desert where he specialized in domestic relations, business law, and real estate. After practicing for ten years, Governor Brown Jr. appointed him to the Riverside County's Desert Municipal Court in 1982. He enjoyed sitting on assignment in Superior Court and earned a reputation as one of the most aggressive and successful Settlement Judges on the Bench.

During retirement, Arthur continued working in mediation and arbitration for Dispute ASB Resolution and as an independent Labor Appeals Judge for the Agua Caliente Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians. An instrumental force in the community, he was Founder and President of the Lyceum of the Desert Children's Educational Foundation, Founder of Palm Springs Senior Center Free Legal Aid program, the Palm Springs Boys and Girls Club, and the Angel View Foundation.

Arthur was a loving and devoted husband, father, and friend whose memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Arthur S. Block.

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015, be adjourned in memory of Bill Edelen, an "ordained minister, anthropologist, marine fighter pilot, Taoist, newspaper columnist, and author" who passed away on October 16, 2015.

A United States Veteran, Bill proudly served his country in World War II and the Korean War where he picked up wounded Marines from the 38th parallel into Inje, North Korea. In 1954 he earned a degree in horticulture at Oklahoma State University and then moved on to study at the McCormick Seminary at the University of Chicago. Afterwards he earned a master's degree in anthropology at the University of Colorado and taught anthropology and religion at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Puget Sound.

Bill became a Congregational minister in Tacoma, Washington where he was known as a "religious iconoclast." He was brought to Palm Springs by former Ambassador Walter Annenberg who sponsored him to lead a weekly symposium at The Tennis Club on spiritual free thinking. He had his own talk show on KPSI and was a Desert Sun columnist for 14 years. In 2000 he was awarded a "Star" on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars.

Bill was a loving and devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. His memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Bill Edelen.

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015, be adjourned in memory of Harold Hardy, an 87-year-old resident of Palm Springs who passed away on October 1, 2015.

Born on July 20, 1928 in Clay City, Illinois, Harold joined the U.S. Army in 1950 during the Korean Conflict and served in the Counter Intelligence Corps, stationed primarily in Southern Alabama. After his discharge, he moved to Phoenix, Arizona with his wife Joanne.

In 1958 Harold went to work for Bonanza Airlines, a small regional carrier. He was transferred to the Thermal Airport (Jacqueline Cochran) and within six weeks transferred to the Palm Springs Airport which was then a barrack building left from General Patton's maneuvers. Bonanza combined with two other carriers to become Air West, then Hughes Air West that merged with Republic, which was purchased by Northwest Airlines. Still stationed at the Palm Springs Airport, he worked for them all.

Active in the community, Harold served as a Deacon in the Palm Springs Community Church for a number of years, and later the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed golf, travel, and spending quality time with his family.

Harold was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. His memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015, be adjourned in memory of Howard "Howie" Johnson, a 90-year-old resident of Palm Desert who passed away on September 13, 2015.

Born on September 8, 1925 in St. Paul, Minnesota, Howie served in the United States Army Air Force Division as a Bombardier and was honorably discharged in 1946. Following the end of World War II, he enrolled at the University of Minnesota where he played golf for Gopher head coach Les Bolstad, a former TOUR professional. He stayed at the Minneapolis school for two years and then began work in the insurance business in Texas.

Howie played fulltime on the PGA Tour between 1956 and 1973. He played five Pro Ams a year for the TPC of the PGA as part of his retirement. He appeared on the front page of Golf Magazine and had golfed in the British Open and had played eleven U.S. Opens. He was the first golfer in a head-to-head playoff to beat Arnold Palmer and he won the Azaleas Open Playoff in 1958, among other achievements. He also won the Mexican Open in Mexico City in 1960.

Howie was a loving and devoted husband, father, step-father, grandfather, brother, and friend. His memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

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IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Howard "Howie" Johnson.

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015, be adjourned in memory of Richard "Dick" Friestad, a prominent resident of Indio who will always be remembered for his generosity, laughter, and inspiration.

Born in 1927 in Iowa, Dick's family moved to Illinois during the depression after the death of his father. At the age of 14, he went to stay with another family as live-in help where he milked 48 cows twice a day, farmed in the summer, and trained Clydesdale horses in the winter. After graduating from Stillman Valley High School in 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Germany during World War II.

In 1947 Dick "stepped off the train" in Indio where he lived for the remainder of his life. He began work at the War Surplus Store on Indio Boulevard alongside his brother-in-law and three of his brothers. Later with two of his brothers and a friend, they purchased the business and renamed it the Yellow Mart Stores. Through his association in the National Buying Syndicate as a Principal Buyer and President, Dick brought in "good merchandise at a good price for the good people of the Coachella Valley." Known for its customer service, the business grew to include five stores. The "flagship store" is still located on Miles Avenue in Indio.

Active in the community, Dick "faithfully" served on many boards including JFK Hospital and Indio's Downtown Merchants Association. He was Director and Vice-President of the Valley Sanitation District and served on the Indio Chamber of Commerce as a member and President. He helped conceive, organize, and promote well-known festivals like the Tamale Festival and SouthWest Arts Festival. He also volunteered selling tickets and parking cars for Sunrise Rotary events and the Date Festival. For his efforts and dedication, he received Indio's Businessman of the Year Award and the Senior Inspiration Award in 2001.

Dick was a loving and devoted husband, father, step-father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. His memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

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