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Supplemental Item for the March 17th Board of Supervisors Meeting:

Christopher Koerner

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, Christopher Koerner, resident of Capistrano Beach, is the perfect example of a "good Samaritan" and a true hero, and it is highly appropriate at this time that he be extended special public commendations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Koerner's quick and decisive actions in Dana Point Harbor on October 5, 2008 has proven himself to be a selfless individual by attaining the highest level of excellence, saving the life of another; and

WHEREAS, on that Sunday, Mr. Koerner heroically rescued Russell Abellera of Fullerton after he was enveloped by a massive wave and thrown off the top of the rocks into the ocean; and

WHEREAS, using Mr. Koerner's prior lifeguard training, he was able to save Mr. Abellera from drowning, keep his bleeding to a minimum and paddle the man to safety; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Koerner's compassion is unparalleled as he displayed a strong and special caring and concern for the well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange is fortunate to have a constituent of Mr. Koerner's intrepidity, courage, and gallantry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS takes great pleasure in recognizing and thanking Christopher Koerner for his lifesaving efforts, highly commends him for his bravery and selfless nature, and further extends him sincere best wishes for success in all future endeavors.

Dated this 24th Day of March, 2009