

# City of El Paso de Robles

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC RECOGNITION

## 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN "BUCK" HORD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

*WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin "Buck" Hord, born on September 10, 1910 and an 83-year resident of Paso Robles, will be 100 years old on Sept 10, 2010; and*

*WHEREAS, He drove with his family from their native Arkansas in 1927 to "The Promised Land" as a teenager across early American highways of dirt, gravel and wood plank in the family Dodge complete with furniture tied to the outside of the car to arrive in Paso Robles; and*

*WHEREAS, Buck Hord has lived a modest, simple, clean life as a boy in rural Arkansas then as a road construction worker during WW II; worked for over 50 years for the County of San Luis Obispo building and repairing roads and dams in the area including Creston Road, Highway 58, the spillway at the Santa Margarita Lake dam, and the construction of Camp Roberts; and*

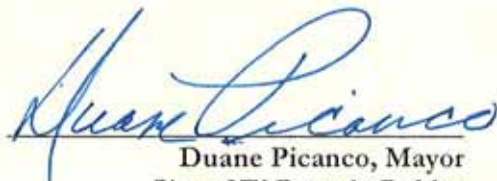
*WHEREAS, Despite contracting polio as a child, Buck still walks, talks, jokes, laughs deeply with a twinkle in his eye and plays pinochle... to win!! His hobbies have included hunting, fishing, beekeeping and gardening. Buck still cooks, manages the house, lays a blanket over his tomato garden every night to ward off chill, tends to his "lower 40" garden in the back yard and is currently planning an elk hunting trip to Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, Incidentally on 12/25/2010 he will celebrate 80 years of marriage to Jessie Strong Hord, 96; and*

*WHEREAS, "Dad"/"Grandpa"/"Papa Ben" is dearly loved and respected by his family of 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Duane Picanco, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Paso Robles, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, encourage all citizens to join in honoring Buck Hord on the most auspicious occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



  
Duane Picanco, Mayor  
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