

**COMMENDING  
EARL J. DOLCINI  
UPON HIS RECOGNITION AS RECIPIENT OF THE  
MARIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU 2010 LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, Earl J. Dolcini has been a member of the Marin County Farm Bureau for decades, and has been active in production agriculture in Marin County since he was a boy on a family ranch in the Hicks Valley area of West Marin; and

**WHEREAS**, in his work as a rancher and as a lifelong advocate for agriculture, Earl has provided leadership at the local, regional, and national levels; and

**WHEREAS**, starting in the 1960s, Earl served on the boards of three important agricultural organizations: the Marin County Farm Bureau, which represents all production agriculture in Marin County; nine years with the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT), which protects productive land for future agricultural use; and twenty years with the following Farm Credit institutions, which provide financial services to agriculture: American Farm Credit Association in Santa Rosa; the Regional District U.S. Ag Bank in Wichita, Kansas, which serves farmers in nine Western states; Farm Credit Council Services in Denver, Colorado; and the Farm Credit Council in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl effectively represented the concerns, interests, and values of the family farmers who produce America's food and fiber, especially when he was elected to serve as chairman of the MALT board for two years, and to serve as chairman of regional and national boards of directors for the Farm Credit Council and the Farm Credit District Bank for a total of ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl's involvement with production agriculture began on the family dairy at age eight, when he went into the barn after being promoted from feeding the chickens; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl was educated at the one-room Lincoln School with his siblings and neighbors; at St. Vincent's High School; and at St. Mary's College. Earl then served his Country after enlisting in the U.S. Navy, becoming an officer, and later commanding the Petaluma and Santa Rosa U.S. Naval Reserve Units; and

**WHEREAS**, following active military service, Earl returned to the Marin-Sonoma area to continue in the family dairy business to begin an independent beef business with his wife, Mary Margaret Dolcini; and to pass on to his eight children an appreciation for agriculture and the ranching community; and

**WHEREAS**, though always serious in his dedication to production agriculture, Earl's clever and humorous remarks lighten all his business and community interactions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marin County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank and commend Earl J. Dolcini for his generous service to the Marin agricultural community and to the people of Marin.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 9th day of February 2010.