WHEREAS, each year Avenidas hosts the Lifetimes of Achievement Awards, established in February 1986, honoring and commending local heroes who have made significant contributions in the community, professionally and through volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning, Jill and Boyd Smith have focused on looking ahead to making the world that “better place,” by volunteering their time and resources to the community, and by being involved in the Church of Christ of Latter-day Saints, where Boyd has served as a bishop for nine years and as stake president; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Smith earned his MBA at the Stanford Graduate School of Business; became assistant director of the International Center for the Advancement of Management Education, which included travelling around the world to speak with professors in developing countries; co-founded WSJ Properties, a real-estate development and investment company; and then took on more leadership responsibilities in the nonprofit world; and

WHEREAS, Jill and Boyd Smith’s contributions have been numerous, including to Stanford University, the California Family Foundation, which funds Beechwood School in East Palo Alto, YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula, Avenidas, Community Foundation Silicon Valley and Children’s Health Council, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, as for Jill Smith, her greatest time commitment was to the Roadrunners Sports Club in east Menlo Park, which started as a community basketball team and evolved into a successful athletic and academic program for college-bound youth; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Smith has served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Stanford Associates; a founder of the Student Athlete Outreach Program that worked with at-risk youth from Belle Haven; and with Jill, he endowed the Housing Assistance program for families attending Stanford, as well as the Martin Luther King Jr. Centennial Professorship Chair and Martin Luther King Jr. student scholarships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby honor and commend

Jill and Boyd Smith

as they receive the 2012 Avenidas Lifetime of Achievement Award, and for their enduring commitment to making a difference in the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty-second Day of May, Two Thousand Twelve by unanimous vote.

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George M. Shirakawa
President, Board of Supervisors

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Mike Wasserman
Supervisor, District One

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Dave Cortese
Supervisor, District Three

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Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

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Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District Five

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Attest: Lynn Regadanz
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors