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, Ken Sletten has built some of the Bay Area’s best recognized buildings, among them the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital and more than 20 buildings at Stanford University; this year Ken Sletten is being honored with a Lifetime of Achievement Award from Avenidas for his work in helping to build homes for the disadvantaged with Habitat for Humanity, among his other philanthropic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Ken Sletten worked as a teenager digging ditches in the Midwest, then on a paving crew for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, majored in civil engineering at the University of Colorado, served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict - where he was injured and received a Purple Heart – and after recovering, attended to Stanford Graduate School of Business; and

WHEREAS, while working at Williams and Burroughs, Inc, a medium-sized construction company, he met Onslow “Rudy” Rudolph, who had started a small construction business in his Los Altos garage; Sletten joined him as a partner, forming the company, Rudolph and Sletten, which did work for companies in the burgeoning fields of high-tech and biotech; and

WHEREAS, Rudolph and Sletten, which was acquired in 2005, is now the largest and greenest builder on the West Coast.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby honor and commend Ken Sletten as he receives the 2012 Avenidas Lifetime of Achievement Award, and for his commitment to influence positive, humanitarian change 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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Supervisor, District One

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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