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A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

WHEREAS, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, has served the spiritual needs of the members of the Mariposa Parish for 125 years, and on January 17th, the parishioners will celebrate that anniversary, and

WHEREAS, the most Reverend Joseph Sadoc Alemany, Archbishop of San Francisco, celebrated the first Mass in the Church on January 20, 1963, and

WHEREAS, the building had been under construction for two years, and is styled in the same New England type of architecture as the Mariposa County Courthouse, built in 1854, and

WHEREAS, the church was heralded by the Mariposa Gazette as ". . . an ornament to the place and its consecration, an occasion long to be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present to witness it, " and

WHEREAS, several priests served the parish over the years with very few receiving permanent appointments as pastors for long lengths of time, and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Francis Walsh was assigned to the parish in 1942, and with the exception of 3 years has been pastor since then. Under his guidance the historic building and grounds have seen many improvements, including the enlargement of the church in 1958 when it was 95 years old. The building was lengthened 18 feet, adding five more pews and three additional feet to the sanctuary, enlarging the seating capacity to 125, and

WHEREAS, mass is offered daily in the church, or in the small chapel in the rectory (built in 1927) during the winter months, and

WHEREAS, the cemetery in the back of the church, directly down the hill from the now unused buildings of the Mariposa Mine, is the final resting place for many former parishioners, and a stroll through the grounds to read the old grave stones provides a glimpse of history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, that the members of St. Joseph's Parish be commended and congratulated upon the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the consecration of St. Joseph's Church.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of January 1988, by the following vote:

- AYES: BAGGETT, DALTON, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER
- NOES: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE
- ABSTAINED: NONE

ATTEST:

Margie Williams
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

Eric J. Erickson
ERIC J. ERICKSON, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

John J. Lee

