

**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY**

## Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation

**COLONEL JEFFREY ("JEFF") S. CAIRNS, U.S. ARMY**

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Jeffrey S. Cairns served as Garrison Commander of the Presidio of Monterey from 2003 to 2006, distinguishing himself as an exemplary leader; and

**WHEREAS**, COL Cairns provided consistent support for local community partnerships that resulted in productive military-civilian relationships during his tenure here; and

**WHEREAS**, as an advocate for soldiers past, present, and future in this region, COL Jeff Cairns worked diligently to improve housing, services, and opportunities for military personnel and their families at Ord Military Community and La Mesa Village; and

**WHEREAS**, COL Cairns provided considerable leadership while working with federal officials, with a goal of clearing the dangers of remnant ordnance and explosives at former Fort Ord; and

**WHEREAS**, COL Cairns was successful in negotiating agreements with the Clark Pinnacle Partnership which solidified the working relationship between the military and civilian communities in matters regarding public safety and related services in this region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Presidio of Monterey under COL Cairns' leadership has maintained its exemplary reputation and stature as a major contributing installation in our nation's defense, while experiencing expansion and growth; and

**WHEREAS**, shortly after his arrive here, COL Cairns witnessed a birth of fire at the former Fort Ord during a carefully planned routine burn and was quoted by the press, "It is regrettable that it escaped!"; and

**WHEREAS**, COL Cairns maintained his strong advocacy of working closely with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority and providing support for its reuse and redevelopment projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that on behalf of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority staff, the jurisdictions and their respective staffs and many others, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board of Directors extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to Colonel Jeffrey S. Cairns with a resounding "HOO-AH," on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

  
Ila Metfee-McCutcheon, Chair

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