

California Office of Historic Preservation

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01

Resolution of Commendation STEPHEN D. MIKESELL

WHEREAS, Stephen D. Mikesell, who served the Office of Historic Preservation both long and exceedingly well, first as an historian for four years, later as Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for nine years, brought with him a solid educational grounding, having received his degree from Harvard and a Master's in History from the University of California at Davis; and

WHEREAS, Mikesell also worked at the California Department of Transportation for seven years, where he produced a book, *Historic Highway Bridges of California*, and in the private sector, where he served as partner at JRP Historical Consulting Services for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Mikesell's work with the State Historical Resources Commission and the Registration and Project Review units was of invaluable assistance in helping those units bridge gaps in staffing levels and prepare for Commission meetings; and

WHEREAS, Mikesell also shepherded the newly-restarted office newsletter, *Preservation Matters*, through to publication and helped the office attain goals set forth in the 2006 Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan; OHP devised strategies for standardizing archaeological practices at the state and federal level, ably assisted by the Society for California Archaeology and the Commission; Mikesell also participated in all stages of the upgrade of OHP's computer inventory system, a project he deemed the greatest single accomplishment of his tenure as Deputy SHPO; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that official commendation and profound thanks on behalf of the State of California, together with personal expressions of deep appreciation by SHPO Milford Wayne Donaldson and the staff of the California Office of Historic Preservation, are extended to Stephen D. Mikesell for his almost three decades of meticulous, tenacious, and spirited service to the State and the cause of historic preservation; his gently twisted sense of humor didn't hurt, either; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the archives of the State Office of Historic Preservation and a suitable copy presented to Stephen D. Mikesell.

January 29, 2010

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer

