



## *Resolution*

By the Honorable Jim Costa, 16th Senatorial District;  
and the Honorable Dean Florez, 30th Assembly District;  
Relative to Commending

### *Simon Lakritz*

**WHEREAS**, Simon Lakritz is receiving the Man of the Year Award from the Hanford Chamber of Commerce for his commitment to his community and devoted advocacy for the will of the people, and in recognition thereof, he is deserving of the highest commendations from the people of California; and

**WHEREAS**, Simon Lakritz or "Si" has been a true testament to public service, and he has given freely of himself in cultivating, preserving, and striving for the betterment of his community; and

**WHEREAS**, As a member of the Hanford City Council for nearly 30 years, Mr. Lakritz has been mayor six times and has been an integral part of many major community decisions and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, This list includes, but is not limited to, the effort to bring a Little League Complex to Greenfield Avenue and the construction of the Police Station, Fire Station, and Longfield Center; and

**WHEREAS**, He was the deciding vote on both the Hanford Mall construction and the rezoning efforts for 12th and Lacey, allowing for commercial development, and most recently, he organized the Committee to Save Hidden Valley Park, where he and 100 residents were successfully able to earmark 20 acres of undeveloped land for future park expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lakritz has been employed as an educator on both the secondary and post-secondary levels, and he has been politically involved on both the partisan and nonpartisan levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lakritz has had a lifelong mission to pursue what was in the best interests of the community and to effectively represent his constituents as the "Voice of the People"; and

**WHEREAS**, He has volunteered his time and energies to Kings Community Action, Hanford Sister City Committee, Kings County Retired Teachers Association, Hanford High School Superintendent's Advisory Committee, and has been a co-founder of the Kings County Commission on Aging and the Kings County Art Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, He has also served his country in the United States Army, aiding in the Health and Welfare Department, stationed overseas; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY SENATOR JIM COSTA AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER DEAN FLOREZ**, That Simon "Si" Lakritz be congratulated on his receipt of the Man of the Year Award from the Hanford Chamber of Commerce, and extended best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

Member Resolution No. 693  
Dated this 18th day of April, 2002.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Costa".

Honorable Jim Costa  
16th Senatorial District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Florez".

Honorable Dean Florez  
30th Assembly District