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Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Avenue  
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Honorable Chair and Board Members:

At our last meeting, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for landmark designation of the Ben Taylor Home be approved. The applicant is Sally Barker Hoffmann Knutson, a descendant of Mr. Taylor. The home is owned by a relative, Mary Anne Barker White, who has authorized the placement of a plaque at the site. The landmark is to be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 21-05, assuming the two pending applications are approved first.

Benjamin Franklin Taylor (1826-1913) was a 49er. He arrived in Grass Valley on September 22, 1849, as part of a group of Mexican War veterans. He then established the Buena Vista Ranch, near the intersection of modern You Bet Road and Highway 174, where he engaged in farming and ranching. Prior to 1863, he bought a large piece of property in Grass Valley, on which in 1865-6 he built the home at what is now 652 Linden Avenue. Mr. Taylor was active in local politics and was part of the partnership that built a toll road between Grass Valley and Colfax, roughly following what is now Dog Bar Road. In 1868, he bought out some of his partners and became the principal owner.

The research and documentation which accompanies the application has been reviewed by Commissioner Jerry Martini and others for historical accuracy and approved. The application and supporting documentation is enclosed.



If you approve the application, please forward the resolution and accompanying documents to the County Recorder.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

*Bernard Zimmerman*  
Bernard Zimmerman, Chair

cc: Sally Barker Hoffmann Knutson  
Jerry Martini

