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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2021
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter
SUBJECT: Resolution endorsing and certifying the Ben Taylor Home Place, located at 652 Linden Avenue, Grass Valley, CA 95945 (APN 008-800-007-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 21-05.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission (NCHLC) submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors on June 25, 2021, requesting that the Board approve the designation of the Ben Taylor Home Place as a Nevada County Historical Landmark.

Benjamin Franklin Taylor (1826-1913) arrived in Grass Valley as part of the national westward migration and gold rush. He arrived in Grass Valley on September 22, 1849, as part of a group of Mexican-American War veterans. He 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 1865-1866, he built the home at what is now 652 Linden Avenue. He called this home and the property around it "The Home Place." Mr. Taylor was active in local politics and was a member 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 Home Place has remained in the family and multiple generations of Taylor's descendants have raised families there. One of his descendants, Mary Ann Barker White, still lives in and owns the home today.

Therefore, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate this site as a Nevada County Historical Landmark.

Item Initiated by: Sarah Holyhead, Administrative Analyst II
Item Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board
Submittal Date: July 26, 2021