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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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MEETING DATE: November 7, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Ed Scofield, Chair

SUBJECT: Resolution honoring the life and legacy of United States Senator Dianne Feinstein

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: On September 29, 2023 United States Senator Feinstein died at 90 years old. Senator Feinstein was the longest serving U.S. Senator in American history being first being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1992 and re-elected five more times thereafter. Before that, Senator Feinstein served as Mayor of San Francisco and member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors beginning in 1969. With roots in local government, Senator Feinstein worked hard to ensure issues and challenges pertaining to local communities and governments were well represented.

Over the past several years, Senator Feinstein advocated directly for Nevada County, helping us obtain \$2.5M in Congressionally Directed Spending since 2021 for public safety related projects, including the North San Juan Fire Suppression Project and the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone. And, while the FY25 federal budget has not yet been adopted, it contains \$750,000 in funding for yet another public safety project in Nevada County that Senator Feinstein advanced through the appropriations process. Moreover, Senator Feinstein's Office has continued to meet with county staff and members of the Board of Supervisors to discuss county challenges, advocacy needs, and opportunities for solutions to some of the most pressing issues that face Nevada County.

Notably in recent memory, District 2 Supervisor Dan Miller met directly with the Senator in 2022 as Chair of Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) to discuss the some of the pressing challenges faced by rural counties. That same year, District 4 Supervisor Sue Hoek met with congressional staff to provide an on-site tour of the Ponderosa West Fuel Break project. And, most recently, District 5 Supervisor Hardy Bullock and District 1 Supervisor Heidi Hall met with congressional staff to discuss the

County's legislative priorities and issues pertaining to the availability and affordability of wildfire insurance, respectively.

Therefore, the attached Resolution honors the life and legacy of United States Senator Diane Feinstein. I recommend the Board adopt the attached Resolution.

Sincerely,

Ed Scofield, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Item Initiated:
Approved:
Submittal Date: