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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-282

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 5, 2021)
AS SATOSHI "FIBBER" HIRAYAMA DAY)**

WHEREAS, Satoshi 'Fibber' Hirayama was born on February 17, 1930 in Exeter, California and attended high school at Poston, Arizona Camp #2, and Exeter High School. Fibber honed his baseball skills practically playing every day in the incarceration camp during WWII; and

WHEREAS, Fibber excelled in baseball and football at Fresno State. Some highlights include serving as team captain, winning conference champions, had five bases stolen in one game and seventy-one for the season. He also played running back and defensive back in football; and

WHEREAS, After playing at Fresno State, he signed to play professional baseball with the St. Louis Browns and Stockton Ports. He would later enlist in the military and played for the Ford Ord Army; and

WHEREAS, Post war rebuilding in Japan; the American Baseball Ambassador, Fibber healed the 'wounds of war' as a two-time all-star and home run hitter for ten years with the Hiroshima; and

WHEREAS, While as Coach and Scout for the Hiroshima Carp in the Dominican Republic, he discovered future MLB all-star Alphonso Soriano; and

WHEREAS, Fibber became a teacher and administrator in Clovis Unified. The Gateway High School gymnasium was named in honor of Fibber; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Satoshi 'Fibber' Hirayama had his number "3" retired in a ceremony at Pete Beiden Field at Bob Bennett Stadium with his teammates.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim October 5, 2021 to be Satoshi "Fibber" Hirayama Day in the County of Fresno.

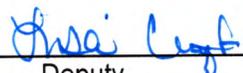
THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 5th day of October, 2021, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



Steve Brandau, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By 

Deputy