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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 16-367

IN THE MATTER OF CONGRATULATING)
REVEREND LARRY ARCE ON HIS RETIREMENT)

WHEREAS, Larry Arce was born in Hanford and grew up in Fresno. After graduating from Edison High School in 1966, Larry joined the Army and became a soldier in Special Forces, known as the Green Berets. After the military, he spent 18 years as a Fresno County probation officer; and

WHEREAS, The Fresno Rescue Mission on G Street, is a faith-based organization that was founded in 1949. The mission currently provides temporary shelter for 80 to 150 homeless people per night and also runs Rescue the Children, a shelter for women and children at Clinton Avenue and Highway 99; and

WHEREAS, The Rescue Mission has been part of Reverend Arce's life for more than three decades having been on the mission's board of directors since 1981 and chief executive officer since 1998; and

WHEREAS, When Larry took over as chief executive officer of the Rescue Mission, it had a staff of five people and a budget of \$250,000. At the time of his retirement in 2016, it had more than 100 full and part-time employees and an annual budget of about \$8 million; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Arce has been a leader in Fresno's faith-based community and has worked tirelessly to help feed and shelter hundreds of thousands of homeless men, women and children in Fresno County with the hope of giving them a new life through the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, Larry and his wife, Shirley, have been married 41 years, have three children, Audrey, Sheila, and Luke, and one grandson, Cameron. His entire family is devoted to showing God's love and spreading the Word to the less fortunate in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Reverend Larry Arce on the occasion of his retirement and offers best wishes for his future endeavors.

Adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors this 27th day of September, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Mendes, Pacheco, Perea, Poochigian
NOES: None
ABSENT: None


CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy