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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-336**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING STAN OKEN FOR)  
RECEIVING THE 2023 LEADER FOR AMERICA AWARD )**

**WHEREAS**, the CrisCom Company founded its annual "Leader for America" award to culminate its 10th anniversary in 2007. This award is the CrisCom Company's highest honor, recognizing "those extraordinary leaders who have made a tremendous impact benefiting our nation in a positive way"; and

**WHEREAS**, Stan Oken will be honored with the prestigious award in 2023 for his remarkable dedication to public service and youth development to the community of Fresno County which makes him a deserving recipient of this honor; and

**WHEREAS**, born in 1928, Stan's journey from the inner city of Chicago to becoming a celebrated community leader is marked by resilience and dedication. His passion for youth development led to a successful coaching career. He used sports as a vehicle to teach life skills to young athletes fostering self-confidence and values; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1967, he founded Western Camps Inc. and later purchased Wonder Valley Dude Ranch where he expanded from 17 rooms and 4 employees to 70 rooms and 220 employees during peak seasons. His camps have hosted children from up to 20 foreign countries every year; and

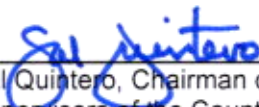
**WHEREAS**, in 1991, Stan Oken began his political career as a Fresno County Supervisor. He went on to be reelected in 1992 and 1996. His electoral success highlights his enduring commitment to public service in Fresno County; and

**WHEREAS**, Stan Oken's life has been defined by his dedication to serving his community and empowering the next generation

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Stan Oken for receiving the 2023 Leader for America Award for his remarkable dedication to public service and youth development to the Fresno County community.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, to-wit:

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

  
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Sal Quintero, 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   
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Deputy