

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO
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RESOLUTION NO. 19-431

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING AND)
CONGRATULATING THE PARNAGIAN)
FAMILY AS RECIPIENTS OF THE AG ONE)
COMMUNITY SALUTE AS WELL AS THEIR)
DEDICATION AND SERVICE)**

WHEREAS, in 1979, several faculty, alumni and friends of the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at California State University, Fresno decided to start a foundation that would benefit, promote and support the college and its programs. With the original goal of endowed funds raised at \$1 million, after 40 years the Ag One endowment fund is comprised of over 120 named funds totaling \$22.5 million; and

WHEREAS, the Community Salute is one of these programs that has contributed to Ag One's success. Since 1987 the Community Salute has honored outstanding individuals for their service and dedication to California agriculture and food systems industries, as well as commitment to the community. Proceeds go on to benefit deserving students and programs in the Jordan College; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Ag One Community Salute recognized the Parnagian Family: brothers Dennis, Ken, Randy and Philip along with their uncle Pete and cousin Jim have transformed agriculture and supported communities since 1950 and continue to through Fowler Packing Company; and

WHEREAS, Fowler Packing Company was established in 1950 by Sam Parnagian and he soon became a pioneer in the fruit industry. Since then the family business has continued to grow and thrive on the basis of family, honor and a strong work ethic which has laid a strong foundation for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Parnagian family has successfully built Fowler Packing into one of the largest growers of table grapes and citrus in the nation. Their key focus is sustainability and diversity in business and their core philosophy has always remained rooted in their customers and employees' best interests.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize and congratulate the Parnagian Family as recipients of the Ag One Community Salute as well as their dedication and service to agriculture and their community.

