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RESOLUTION

BE IT KNOWN THAT BECAUSE CAROLYN HELLEN THROUGH CARING AND FORESIGHT,
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BAY AREA GENALOGICAL SOCIETY

AND RECEIVED SUPPORT AND ALSO GREAT EFFORT FROM HER LOVING PARTNER, ROY
HELLEN,

THUS, THE BAY AREA GENALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS, MEETING IN REGULAR
SESSION ON JANUARY 19, 2004, VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROVIDE THIS RESOLUTION TO
GRANT TO THESE INDIVIDUALS AN HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY.

SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004

Neil Miserendino, President

Subj: **Re: Resolution**
Date: 1/23/2004 12:10:31 PM Central Standard Time
From: ronaldcox@worldnet.att.net
To: ronaldcox@worldnet.att.net, egoerland@pdq.net, slindquist@houston.rr.com, lmartin497@aol.com,
dick.warren@merlins-web.com, neilmiserendino@hal-pc.org, resa@resa.us

Please forgive the mis-spelling of Genealogical.

Ron

----- Original Message -----

From: Ronald and/or Lynda Cox

To: [Linda Goerland](#) ; [shirley lindquist](#) ; [Mary Martin](#) ; [Dick Warren](#) ; [Neil Miserendino](#) ; [Resa Hennings](#)

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2004 12:01 PM

Subject: Resolution

Neil, here attached is a draft of the wording of a resolution for Carolyn and Roy. You may have already done one.

The DB updates you sent me have been done.

Ron

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