

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-053

DEDICATE THE EXPO HALL AT SOUTHWEST
WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS IN MEMORY OF LEE
COUMBS

WHEREAS, Lee Coumbs was a dedicated public servant, lifelong community advocate and passionate volunteer who made an indelible mark on Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, Lee's contributions to the community included his leadership as the first mayor of Centralia following the change to a council form of government, as well as his long-standing involvement in various local organizations, boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, Lee was instrumental in the founding of the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Spring Youth Fair, which continues to foster youth participation and community engagement, and he was a key figure in the creation of the annual Fort Borst Park Christmas Lights display; and

WHEREAS, Lee served as a fire commissioner during the merger of Lewis County Fire District 12 and the Centralia Fire Department into the Riverside Fire Authority, demonstrating his commitment to public safety; and

WHEREAS, Lee's entrepreneurial spirit led him to manage the Southwest Washington Fair, serve as the manager of Downey's Auto Center, and operate Sausage House and Deli, as well as contribute to the success of Summerfest, all while making a lasting impact on the lives of those around him; and

WHEREAS, Lee was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who shared a deep love for his community and his family, and was known for his generosity, kindness and commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Lee's legacy of service, volunteerism and dedication to improving the quality of life for all residents of Lewis County will be remembered fondly for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Expo Hall at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds stands as a place where countless events have brought together people from all walks of life, much like the legacy of service that Lee created during his lifetime.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Lewis County Commissioners hereby dedicates the Expo Hall at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in memory of Lee Coumbs, honoring his unwavering dedication to his community, his tireless volunteerism, and his many contributions to the cultural, civic and social life of Lewis County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque will be installed at the Expo Hall to commemorate Lee's lasting impact and to remind future generations of his devotion to serving the people of Lewis County.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 18th day of February, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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ATTEST:



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