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California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Renovation

Board of Supervisors recognize efforts to enhance historic and cultural memorial

Sacramento, CA – Sacramento County Supervisors will recognize the efforts of the California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Beautification Committee to renovate a memorial that honors all California Latino veterans who served our Country. The memorial, also known as “El Soldado” is located in the State Capitol Park.

A resolution will be presented on Tuesday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Chambers, located at 700 H Street, Sacramento.

“The Committee is making good progress in its effort to renovate this historic and culturally significant memorial,” said Don Nottoli, Chair of the Board. “The California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial will ensure that the military service contributions of California’s Latino veterans are understood and appreciated for generations to come.”

Dedicated in September 1975 through the efforts of the American War Mothers, the California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial was built to honor California Latino veterans, many who made the ultimate sacrifice. California State Senate Bill 599, Chapter 558, passed in 2007, established the California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Beautification and Enhancement Committee. This Committee was charged with setting a schedule for the design, construction and dedication of the renovated memorial.

Since public funds cannot be used for beautification projects, the Committee must raise \$1.1 million in private donations to complete the project. To date, more than \$300,000 has been collected. For more information about the project, visit www.mavm.ca.gov.

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