

In Memoriam
BILL CONNELL

WHEREAS, *Bill Connell, veteran, veterans' advocate, and business owner passed away Friday, February 5, 2016, and*

WHEREAS, *Bill was the well-known and likable owner of All-American Surf Dog, a hot dog cart business located near the beach in Carpinteria, California; and*

WHEREAS, *Bill was a passionate and tenacious advocate for military veterans whose efforts resulted in the passage of new legislation benefitting them; and*

WHEREAS, *Bill championed Senate Bill 809 in 2009 which resulted in qualified itinerant veteran vendors meeting certain criteria being considered consumers instead of retailers, and thus, such vendors do not need to hold a seller's permit or pay tax on their sales; and*

WHEREAS, *Bill pursued legislation to extend the effective date of the statutes enacted by Senate Bill 809, and in 2011 Bill's efforts resulted in the passage of Senate Bill 805 which extended the sunset date for an additional ten years; and*

WHEREAS, *Bill tirelessly advocated for legislation and in 2014 Assembly Bill 919 was enacted which enabled qualified itinerant veteran vendors to receive repayment of sales tax paid for an eight-year period prior to April 2010; and*

WHEREAS, *Bill continued his efforts to ensure veterans were informed of exemptions available to them and their ability to request repayment of sales taxes previously paid; and*

WHEREAS, *Bill leaves behind his family and countless friends and customers who will dearly miss him: Therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *that the people of the great State of California and the Members of the State Board of Equalization hereby recognize Bill for his many years of outstanding contributions to military veterans and the State of California, and extend to his family and friends our sincerest condolences.*

Adopted at Culver City, California, this twenty-third day of February 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.