

Honoring
BILL LEONARD

WHEREAS, Bill Leonard has served the State of California as a Member of the Board of Equalization with distinction since January 2002; and

WHEREAS, he served honorably in the State Legislature for 24 years as both a Senator and Assembly Member; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leonard, in addition to his tax policy expertise, has been widely recognized for his efforts as a fighter for taxpayer rights, low taxes, fair tax administration, quality schools and a better business climate; and

WHEREAS, he has championed expanded online services and educational products and publications at the BOE; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leonard has advocated for public accountability and government transparency; and

WHEREAS, he has offered seminars to educate small businesses and nonprofit and faith based organizations, in order to assist these important contributors to California's economy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leonard spearheaded a pro bono assistance program to provide advice to individual taxpayers appearing before the Board; and

*WHEREAS, Mr. Leonard has served the Second Equalization District well and been a friend and partner to other Board Members and agency staff for more than seven years:
Therefore be it*

RESOLVED, on this twenty-third day of March 2010, that we, with great honor and pleasure, commend Mr. Leonard for his dedicated service to the State of California, congratulate him on his appointment as Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency, and wish him good fortune in his new role.

Dated this twenty-third day of March 2010