

Senator Ted Gaines (Ret.)
First Equalization District, Relative to Commending

Board Member Mike Schaefer

Whereas, The California State Library, which provides credible information services to all Californians, confirms that Mike Schaefer made history in Sacramento on January 7, 2019 when, upon taking the oath of office as a Member of the California State Board of Equalization representing the Fourth District, he became the oldest known freshman constitutional officer at age 80; and

Whereas, In 1965, at age 27, Member Schaefer first made history as the youngest person ever elected to the San Diego City Council, where he served two terms; and

Whereas, On November 16, 2019, Member Schaefer made history for a third time when he became the oldest constitutional officer on record, having lived 29,821 days, eclipsing the previous record holder, Secretary of State Frank Jordan, who died on March 30, 1970, after having lived 29,820 days; and

Whereas, Member Schaefer began a long career in politics, government, and the law when he volunteered as a driver for John F. Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign; and

Whereas, Since that time, Member Schaefer has served the public in positions at all levels of government and as an attorney in private practice; and

Whereas, Member Schaefer holds a business degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a law degree from Georgetown University; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the People of the great State of California and Board Member Ted Gaines do hereby recognize Board Member Mike Schaefer as the oldest state constitutional officer to date and extend our sincere appreciation for his dedicated service to the State of California and our best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

Dated this nineteenth day of November, 2019.