Resolution No.

County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Date: 12/13/2011

HONORING ROBERT W. ELLISON
FOR HIS ARTISTIC AND PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CITIZENS OF SONOMA COUNTY

WHEREAS, longtime Sonoma County resident and renowned artist Robert W. Ellison has enriched the nation’s landscapes with his large, welded steel sculptures that have been permanently or temporarily installed in locations from Providence, Rhode Island to Anchorage, Alaska and dozens of communities in between; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of residents of Sonoma County have enjoyed climbing on and walking around and under Ellison’s sculptures, “My Turn” at Santa Rosa City Hall, “Arch Two Rain,” “Donut Diorama,” and “Feather” at the Wells Fargo Center, “Sweep” at Spreckles Performing Arts Center, “I’ll Never Talk Out of Turn” at Santa Rosa Junior College, “Cherry Soda” in downtown Petaluma, and “Sun Zone” in front of the County Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, Robert W. Ellison’s sculptures can be found in the private collections of many prominent citizens worldwide, including Renee DiRosa’s Preserve in Napa; and

WHEREAS, Robert W. Ellison has served as a friend and inspiration to the young artists he taught and mentored at the College of Marin and the San Francisco Academy of Art College and those he inspired through his public performance, the “Unveiling of Four Times Daily,” in the late 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Ellison has enriched the County of Sonoma and its residents through his skillful, inventive, playful and often humorous sculptures and has enriched the lives of other artists and friends through his wit, charm, kindness and intelligence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma honor Robert W. Ellison for his multiple artistic and personal contributions to our community.

Supervisors:

Brown: Rabbitt: Zane: McGuire: Carrillo:
Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.