

State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07

Resolution of Recognition

Mila Burns and William Wallius

WHEREAS, in 2016 Mila Burns and William Wallius participated in the National History Day in California contest; and,

WHEREAS, their project, entitled “Saint Junipero Serra: ‘Siempre Adelante, Nunca Atras’” was entered in the elementary 2D exhibit category and was selected for a California Historic Places special commendation; and,

WHEREAS, the exhibit, in line with the National History Day theme “Exploration, Encounter, and Exchange in History,” analyzed the impacts of Junipero Serra, and the mission system he established, through historical research and a series of interviews with three individuals—a historian, a Catholic deacon, and a member of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians; and,

WHEREAS, their exhibit discussed the controversy related to Serra’s recent canonization by the Catholic Church and the wide range of viewpoints related to this decision in light of the mission system’s history of cruelty and violence towards Native Americans in California;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to Mila Burns and William Wallius for their outstanding 2016 National History Day in California entry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and suitable copies presented to Mila Burns and William Wallius.

October 28, 2016

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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Chairperson

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