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Supervisor Pat Bates Hosts 6th Annual South County Senior Summit

Santa Ana – Well over 800 older adults attended the 6th annual South County Senior Summit, hosted by Orange County Supervisor Pat Bates. The theme of the 2013 Senior Summit held in Laguna Woods was “Dignity, Safety, and Independence: Educating Older Adults and Honoring Veterans.”

The program began with a tribute to veterans, during which Supervisor Bates presented members of the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council with the first County of Orange Veterans Resource Directory. “We owe the brave men and women of our military a great deal of thanks,” said Supervisor Bates. “In response to the expressed need by the Veterans Advisory Council, I directed County staff to produce our first Veterans Resource Directory, which I was pleased to present to the Council today.”

“I want to thank Supervisor Pat Bates and County staff for creating the Veterans Resource Directory,” said Lee Dorman, Chairman of the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council. “The Veterans Resource Directory is a special gift to all Orange County veterans and will become the definitive source of information to help address the needs of our veterans and their families.”

The focus of the second half of the Senior Summit was elder fraud and abuse prevention. “Our older adult community must be protected from the criminals who would prey on them,” said Bates.

Among the keynote speakers on this topic was Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas. “Criminals prey on the elderly, knowing they are vulnerable targets who cannot afford to lose their hard earned assets. I am so honored to partner with Supervisor Bates to educate and protect seniors from fraud and abuse,” said District Attorney Rackauckas. “Kudos to Supervisor Bates for organizing this event to help raise public awareness about this important issue.”

To receive a copy of the Veterans Resource Directory, please call the Veterans Service Office at 714.480.6555.

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