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Jamestown's New "Walk of Fame" Connects Railtown 1897 to Downtown *Community is Invited to Official Dedication on October 3*

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – Working collaboratively, the Promotion Club of Jamestown, County of Tuolumne, California State Parks and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) are proud to announce the recently completed "Walk of Fame" in Jamestown, California, located in Tuolumne County. To celebrate the completion of the project, the community is invited to attend a special dedication event on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the walk's beginning at Rocca Park in Jamestown. Festivities will include appearances by local dignitaries and light refreshments will be provided to attendees. Afterward, participants will be invited to enjoy the walk with many of those involved in its creation.

The "Walk of Fame" project was the vision of a group of involved community members led by Jim O'Neil. Taking advantage of a planned sidewalk improvement project, the dedicated group worked diligently to raise enough private donations to fund having brass medallions created and embedded in the sidewalk from downtown Jamestown to Railtown 1897 SHP. A proud supporter of the project, the California State Railroad Museum Foundation sponsored two medallions – one at the beginning and one at the end of the "walk" -- and joined a number of other sponsors to provide funds for creating an eye-catching mural design that is currently in development.

From Railtown 1897 SHP, visitors to the Park can enjoy the walk on their way to downtown Jamestown for wonderful food, shopping or enjoying history. From downtown Jamestown, visitors can follow the walk to visit the "Movie Star" steam locomotive Sierra No. 3 at Railtown 1897 SHP. The walk currently consists of 30 medallions but was built with the capacity for additional medallions over time. The walk begins in downtown Jamestown with an informational kiosk providing images and details of the county's rich film heritage. The group is also working on plans for a historic mural at the corner of Seco and Main Streets, highlighting Jamestown's history and role as a gateway to Tuolumne County.

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Tuolumne County, the Sierra Railway and Railtown 1897 SHP -- whose historic shops, Roundhouse and famous Sierra No. 3 locomotive -- have long served as a filming location for the film and television industry with more than 150 movies and TV shows filmed at Railtown 1897 SHP. Commemorated on the “Walk of Fame” are currently 30 productions, including *High Noon* (1952), *Petticoat Junction* (1963), *Back to the Future III* (1990), *Lassie* (1954), *Little House on the Prairie* (1974), *My Little Chickadee* (1940), *Unforgiven* (1992) and even a medallion dedicated to Huell Howser.

After the dedication, “Walk of Fame” attendees are also encouraged to spend the day at Railtown 1897 SHP, admission costs are as follows: \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. For more information, call 209-984-3953 or visit www.railtown1897.org.

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