Fit for a King!

A PLAQUE CREATED FROM HANDMADE TILES, commemorating a visit of Crown Prince Felipe of Spain to Santa Barbara, was unveiled in a special ceremony at the El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park on March 26th.

Welcoming the gathering and giving background on the two previous visits by the Crown Prince to Santa Barbara was Dr. Jarrell C. Jackson, Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation. Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider also commented on her remembrances of the Princes' last visit.

"This is a very special day for us and it is a great honor to welcome a very special guest to this unveiling — Spanish Consul General Francisco Javier Vallaure," stated Therese Chin, President of the Trust. The plaque was designed by Crista Clark Jones, created by Jeanne Davis, and installed by Bob Lovejoy.

Unveiling the plaque were Consul Vallaure, Mayor Schneider, President Chin, and Trustee Makeda.

Following a cannon salute, there was a champagne toast near the Adobe at the visitor's center.