

# Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING

MINNIJEAN BROWN TRICKEY

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WHEREAS, MINNIJEAN BROWN TRICKEY is an extraordinary woman on an extraordinary mission; and

WHEREAS, MINNIJEAN BROWN was 16 years old when she began her junior year as one of nine black students who desegregated the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, although all of the Nine were subjected to verbal and physical harassment during their year at Central High, MINNIJEAN BROWN was the first suspended, and then expelled for standing up for herself; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, President Clinton signed legislation designating Little Rock Central High School a National Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 28, MINNIJEAN BROWN TRICKEY and her husband moved to Northern Ontario, looking for a more meaningful life and where she learned to raise animals, farmed the land by hand, and gave birth at home to five of her six children; and

WHEREAS, MINNIJEAN BROWN TRICKEY has been active in the non-violence movement for civil rights and for peace, and protecting our environment; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 58, MINNIJEAN BROWN TRICKEY returned to the United States and received the Congressional Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, MINNIJEAN BROWN TRICKEY will join alumni of "Sojourn to the Past" in Millbrae on September 20 to relive the memories they shared on their journey to the South and how they are keeping the dream alive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, commends and congratulates MINNIJEAN BROWN TRICKEY for her courage, leadership, and passionate commitment to civil rights, civic responsibility, nonviolence, and justice and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

DATED: September 20, 2003

SUPERVISORS:

  
ROSE JACOBS GIBSON, PRESIDENT