

Resolution

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

BECKY COOPER

WHEREAS, FRIENDS FOR YOUTH'S Executive Director Becky Cooper has given 25 years of dedicated service and has been the guiding spirit that has made FRIENDS FOR YOUTH the benchmark for excellence in the mentoring community; and

WHEREAS, over the past 25 years, FRIENDS FOR YOUTH has matched over 1,500 youth with caring adult mentors and has an 85% success rate of creating long-term friendships, a significantly higher rate compared to the national average for similar programs; and

WHEREAS, youth in the FRIENDS FOR YOUTH program demonstrate increased self-esteem and academic achievement, decreased problem behaviors, and a broadening of horizons for their future, while volunteers comment on the positive experiences they have in their role as mentors; and

WHEREAS, FRIENDS FOR YOUTH has been recognized for its successes and achievements, most recently with California State's "Spirit of Mentoring" Awards for both 1999 and 2001, as well as being recognized as the Nation's "Volunteer of the Day" on July 29, 2003, through the President's Daily Points of Light program; and

WHEREAS, FRIENDS FOR YOUTH founded its Mentoring Institute in 1998, allowing the agency to share its two decades of experience with other mentoring programs by providing technical assistance and training for the establishment of safe, quality programs, through which over 125,000 children and youth have been served; and

WHEREAS, all of the achievements of FRIENDS FOR YOUTH have benefited directly from the commitment and passion of Becky Cooper;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby honors Becky Cooper for her 25 years of service and leadership to FRIENDS FOR YOUTH and wishes her many more years of happiness and success.

DATED: March 27, 2004

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