

Proclamation

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

DESIGNATING

THE COUNTY PRESS ROOM

AS

THE JANET PARKER BECK PRESS ROOM

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that the County Press Room will hereby be designated the **JANET PARKER BECK PRESS ROOM**; and

WHEREAS, **JANET PARKER BECK** was an essential and respected part of the San Mateo County press corps for over nineteen years while covering medical and legal issues for the San Mateo Times including over 40 murder cases and a dozen death penalty trials; and

WHEREAS, **JANET PARKER BECK**, a native San Matean, began her esteemed career in journalism while serving as editor of the student publications at Skyline Community College and San Jose State University; and

WHEREAS, **JANET PARKER BECK** was, and continues to be, widely acknowledged and recognized for her tremendous professional accomplishments. She earned over 50 awards throughout her career, including the California Press Women's Communicator of Achievement in 1994, the National Federation of Press Women's first place news writing award in 1986, 1987 and 1988 and induction into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame in 1987; and


WHEREAS, **JANET PARKER BECK** employed her considerable talents as a journalist to write the well-known book, 'Too Good To Be True: The Story of Denise Redliek's Murder', which was published in 1991 and sold over 70,000 copies; and

WHEREAS, **JANET PARKER BECK**'s column, 'Pulse of the Peninsula', provided readers with information on complex and important health and medical issues that some credit with improving and, in a few cases saving, their lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California hereby designates the County Press Room as the **JANET PARKER BECK PRESS ROOM**. In forty-one years, Janet accomplished as much as any of us can aspire to achieve in our lifetimes. She earned the respect of her colleagues, embraced the love of her family, and inspired the souls of her readers. The admiration we have for her is already timeless. But now, on the tenth anniversary of her death, we are proud to memorialize her contributions forever.

DATED: MAY 27, 2004

SUPERVISORS:



MARK CHURCH, PRESIDENT