

Resolution

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

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR

WHEREAS, on this 19th day of April, two thousand and four, the SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR are honored for their years of loyal and dedicated community service by being named the recipient of the William Chapman Ralston Award by the Belmont Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR have been engaged in a ministry of education and service to the poor for 200 years, and since 1923, when the College of Notre Dame moved to Belmont, have established a rich legacy of education spanning early childhood learning through adult graduate studies; and

WHEREAS, the SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR claim the distinction of obtaining a charter from the State of California in 1868 for the College of Notre Dame, the first college in California to grant a baccalaureate degree to women, and now known as Notre Dame de Namur University, the school continues the Sisters' tradition of global peace, social justice and community service; and

WHEREAS, the SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR established Notre Dame High School first in San Jose in 1851, and later in Belmont, with a mission to develop responsible women of active faith, strong intellect and Christian leadership and, as an all-girl institution, the school offers educational and enrichment programs for young students in the area with limited access; and

WHEREAS, the SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR were instrumental in instilling an excellent academic program at Notre Dame Elementary School which also promotes community service both for students and adults through volunteer activities with Habitat for Humanity and Working Together; and

WHEREAS, the SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR opened the Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School in 1952 which they staffed until 1984 and the school continues the Sisters' traditions of academic excellence, community service and social justice; and

WHEREAS, the SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR started the Early Learning Center in 1965 as an observation school for Montessori teacher programs and other early childhood education programs in the Bay Area, and the Center is known for fostering individual development, self-confidence, independence, initiative, sense of order, persistence, curiosity and love of learning in children; and

WHEREAS, the SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR have left an indelible mark on the Belmont community, have touched the lives of countless children, students, parents and leaders throughout San Mateo County and beyond, and are tireless in their efforts to make a better place for all,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County extend their congratulations to the SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR upon their selection by the Belmont Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of the William Chapman Ralston Award and best wishes for their continued dedication and service to the community.

DATED: April 19, 2004

SUPERVISORS:



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