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

JUDGE MARGARET J. KEMP

WHEREAS, on this third day of September, 2004, JUDGE MARGARET J. KEMP is honored for her more than thirty years of distinguished public service for the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office and the Municipal and Superior Courts of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, JUDGE MARGARET J. KEMP began her illustrious public career in the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office becoming the County's first woman prosecutor serving as Deputy District Attorney from 1972 to 1976 as deputy in charge of the fraud division and the Municipal Court office; and

WHEREAS, JUDGE MARGARET J. KEMP transitioned from prosecutor to judge and became the first woman to be appointed to both the Municipal (1978-1987) and Superior (1987-2004) Courts in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, during her twenty-six year tenure on the bench, JUDGE MARGARET J. KEMP presided over countless cases from adoptions to divorces and one death penalty case; and

WHEREAS, of the many contributions JUDGE MARGARET J. KEMP made as a judge, the most important was her seven-year tenure as Presiding Judge for the Juvenile Court where she initiated numerous programs in conjunction with the San Mateo County Probation Department and the Juvenile Justice Commission that improved the delivery of service to all juveniles and their families; and

WHEREAS, JUDGE MARGARET J. KEMP is also known for being one of the first to advocate for a separate ranch facility for girls and a new juvenile services center and worked tirelessly to create programs and opportunities for young women in the juvenile justice system and

WHEREAS, given JUDGE MARGARET J. KEMP's devotion and advocacy for a new girls camp, the Board of Supervisors found it only fitting to name the new juvenile ranch camp for girls the "Hon. Margaret J. Kemp Camp for Girls" in honor of her dedicated service and commitment to the lives of young women,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County expresses congratulations and sincere gratitude to JUDGE MARGARET J. KEMP for more than thirty years of distinguished public service to San Mateo County in her capacity as Deputy District Attorney and Municipal and Superior Court Judge. Her proven leadership, sincere dedication, and extraordinary professionalism have served the community well and have acted as an inspiration to all those who have come in contact with her.

DATED: September 3, 2004

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