

Resolution

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

PARCA

ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 53RD ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2005, PARCA is celebrating its fifty-third anniversary and it is appropriate at this time to highlight its many achievements and to reflect upon the positive impact that it has made in the lives of people with developmental disabilities, as well as in the local community; and

WHEREAS, PARCA has been at the forefront of advocacy for all issues regarding children and adults with developmental disability since 1952 and directly provides non-legal and non-adversarial counseling on issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families including individualized education, transition and program planning; and

WHEREAS, PARCA has always been involved in advocating for developing and operating programs that create the maximum amount of client inclusiveness in the community; and

WHEREAS, PARCA provides the only integrated latchkey program for children with and without developmental disabilities in the Bay Area through its REACH program and, through PARCA's Raji House, provides the only out-of-home weekend respite care service for parents and primary caregivers that need a break from the challenges of raising a child with developmental disabilities in the greater Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, PARCA has an ongoing collaboration with housing developers to provide affordable housing in two complexes for 48 individuals and their families utilizing PARCA's highly innovative development designs which enable people with developmental disabilities to live as independently as possible; and

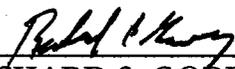
WHEREAS, PARCA's family support services are designed to enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families and, through its Speaker Series, PARCA offers workshops to people interested in issues related to developmental disabilities, including childcare training, medical, educational, socialization and independent living issues, as well as wills and trusts; and

WHEREAS, PARCA has ongoing community support from Festa Italiana and the PARCA Auxiliary,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors extends its warmest congratulations and commends PARCA for the fifty-three years of service it has provided and in the vital role that it has played in improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities in San Mateo County and wishes them ongoing success.

DATED: March 11, 2005

SUPERVISORS:



RICHARD S. GORDON, PRESIDENT