

Resolution No. 05-109

Dated: July 19, 2005

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY of NAPA, STATE of CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Frances Houser has been employed by the Napa City-County Library for over nineteen years, beginning in October 1985; and

WHEREAS, Frances initiated and supervised all aspects of Napa's literacy programs, including Adult Literacy, Family Literacy, English Language Literacy Intensive (ELLI) and English as a Second Language tutoring services from 1985 through June 2005, nurturing an ever growing number of students and tutors; and

WHEREAS, her consistent, meticulous attention to budgetary detail in State Reports has provided continuity and a reassuring sense of having it all under control, which greatly eased the minds of the Assistant Library Director as well as the Library Director; and

WHEREAS, Frances has written grant applications of up to \$450,000 in one three-year period, and

WHEREAS, Frances hosted the grant and supervised the planning for the California State Library sponsored statewide Literacy Convocation at Fallen Leaf Lake in 1999 with participation from more than 100 library literacy program directors and staff to chart the future direction of the California Library Literacy Services; and

WHEREAS, Frances Houser has been one of the three "Red Hat Mamas" who instigated fun-filled events for the enjoyment of library staff without a trace of humiliation or discouragement, but rather, with a joyful attitude; and

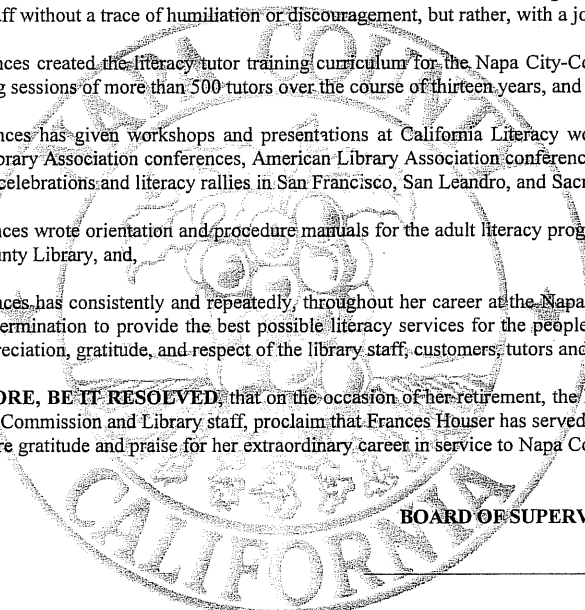
WHEREAS, Frances created the literacy tutor training curriculum for the Napa City-County Library and has used the manual for training sessions of more than 500 tutors over the course of thirteen years, and

WHEREAS, Frances has given workshops and presentations at California Literacy workshops and Learner Conferences, California Library Association conferences, American Library Association conferences, and helped to lead International Literacy Day celebrations and literacy rallies in San Francisco, San Leandro, and Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, Frances wrote orientation and procedure manuals for the adult literacy program and the volunteer programs at Napa City-County Library, and,

WHEREAS, Frances has consistently and repeatedly, throughout her career at the Napa City-County Library, maintained an absolute determination to provide the best possible literacy services for the people of Napa County and has earned the deepest appreciation, gratitude, and respect of the library staff, customers, tutors and learners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the occasion of her retirement, the Board of Supervisors, in concert with the Library Commission and Library staff, proclaim that Frances Houser has served with great distinction and extend to her our sincere gratitude and praise for her extraordinary career in service to Napa County.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board