

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORS AND COMMENDS

MARIA MEZA DE LA VEGA

2012 Women's Hall of Fame Recipient

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WHEREAS, MARIA MEZA DE LA VEGA *was first employed as a clerical worker in the Stockton Unified School District in the late 1970s where she ascended the career ladder from classified employee to certificated employee to management employee while raising three children as a single mother; and*

WHEREAS, *a decade ago, MARIA MEZA DE LA VEGA took an instructional leadership role in a failing San Mateo County school district and, during her tenure, was recognized for her talent and elevated by the Board of Trustees to the position of Superintendent; and*

WHEREAS, MARIA MEZA DE LA VEGA *took what was once one of the lowest ranked school districts in student achievement in the state and began its turn-around with the celebration, this year, of its first school to break the 800-point barrier in API scores and guiding two more schools within a few dozen points of that goal; and*

WHEREAS, MARIA MEZA DE LA VEGA *has taken this school district, which was earmarked for its poor service to students with disabilities nearly 15 year ago and placed under sanctions by a Federal Judge, and has made incremental but steady success in meeting needs and; thus, being recognized for its achievements by the international leader in disability advocacy, TASH, with its annual award for the district's efforts in inclusive education; and*

WHEREAS, *most importantly, MARIA MEZA DE LA VEGA has been a visionary leader in the field of public education who has used her influence to encourage, mentor, develop and promote women, particularly women of color, from within the organization into leadership roles; so that today, the District's seven school sites boast an administrator who is a woman of color of which six of the seven women were previously employed in lesser positions in the District,*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby commends MARIA MEZA DE LA VEGA, 2012 Women's Hall of Fame Recipient, for her exemplary leadership and commitment to the community in San Mateo County.*

Dated: March 22, 2012

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