

Resolution

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

SARU JAYARAMAN
Recipient of the
COMMUNITY AWARD
35th Annual C.O.P.E Banquet

WHEREAS, SARU JAYARAMAN is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC-United) and Director of the Food Labor Research Center at University of California, Berkeley, working with faculty members and outside experts to transform the food industry by intertwining the interests of farm workers, nutritionists, food service workers as well as environmentalists, with law and public policy; and

WHEREAS, SARU JAYARAMAN co-founded Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (WYSE), geared toward mentoring young women and offering them guidance on relationships and sexual health and, together with displaced World Trade Center workers after 9/11, co-founded ROC in New York, which has organized restaurant workers to win workplace justice campaigns, conduct research and policy work, partner with responsible restaurants and launch cooperatively-owned restaurants, and now has 13,000 members in 32 cities nationwide, which was chronicled in the book *The Accidental American*; and

WHEREAS, SARU JAYARAMAN is a graduate of Yale Law School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, was profiled in the New York Times “Public Lives” section in 2005, was named one of Crain’s “40 Under 40” in 2008, 1010 Wins’ “Newsmaker of the Year,” and one of New York Magazine’s “Influentials” of New York City. She also authored *Behind the Kitchen Door*, Cornell University Press, 2013, a national bestseller, and has appeared on CNN with Soledad O’Brien, Bill Moyers Journal on PBS, Melissa Harris Perry and UP with Chris Hayes on MSNBC, Real Time with Bill Maher on HBO, and NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby commends SARU JAYARAMAN for her lifelong dedication and commitment to working people in San Mateo County, and extends its congratulations to her as the recipient of the Community Award at the 35th Annual C.O.P.E Banquet of the San Mateo County Central Labor Council.

Dated: July 25, 2014

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors