

Resolution

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

KOHL MANSION 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, in 1912 Bessie and Frederick Kohl began to plan for the building of a Tudor Mansion on 40 acres of land in Burlingame near Adeline Drive; and

WHEREAS, the 63 room rose brick mansion was to be the central building in a grand estate which would include tennis courts, green houses, a rose garden, a large carriage house and \$150,000 reservoir; and

WHEREAS, since its completion in 1914, the mansion has opened its doors to countless famous people, and the Kohl family lavishly entertained dignitaries and the Peninsula elite; and

WHEREAS, after Frederick and Bessie Kohl separated in 1916, the mansion stood unused, although it was maintained by a staff of servants; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Kohl willed the mansion to Marion Louderback Lord, and the mansion was used in the filming of the United Artist film “Little Lord Fauntleroy” in 1921 , and was again used in 1996 for the Disney film “Flubber”; and

WHEREAS, in 1924 Mrs. Lord sold the mansion to the Sisters of Mercy for \$230,000 and it has since been a convent and, since 1931, the home of Mercy High School; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 1989 the Loma Prieta earthquake caused the mansion \$2 million in damages. Because of the historical status of the mansion, FEMA provided substantial funding for the restoration project, with the rest of the funds raised through the efforts of the Mercy High School Development Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby commends and honors the Kohl Mansion on its 100 year anniversary.

Dated: August 3, 2014

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors