

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

## **The Studio Shop**

## Upon its

## **100 Year Anniversary**

WHEREAS, The Studio Shop has grown and thrived as an art gallery and frame shop since its founding in 1915, and is Burlingame's oldest retail business and has been operated by the Benson-Martin family for two generations since 1955, with a second store added in 2008, The Studio Shop Annex in San Mateo; and

**WHEREAS,** The Studio Shop was founded by Ralph Crawford, former Burlingame city engineer, and Dorothy Crawford, an accomplished portrait photographer, in 1915 and was bought by John and Martha Benson in 1955; and

WHEREAS, the Bensons were active members of the community: John was a member of the Lions Club and worked with the Boy Scouts, and Martha served several terms with the Burlingame civil service commission and the beautification commission and wrote a book about the trees of Burlingame in 1979. In 1989 the Bensons were jointly given the Burlingame Citizen of the Year award for their years of service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Studio Shop tradition continues under the guidance of Benson sisters Janet Martin and Kristen Benson, and Janet's husband, Carl Martin, along with a great staff of experienced art and framing consultants. The Studio Shop is committed to maintaining its 100 year tradition of personal service, quality and value; and

**WHEREAS**, The Studio Shop has been an important part of the Burlingame community and has always taken an active role by providing both direct aid and goods and services, as well as implementing an employee matching program to support fundraising efforts for local schools, arts groups and other non-profit organizations on the Peninsula.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby commends The Studio Shop on its 100 Year Anniversary.

Dated: September 18, 2015

SUPERVISORS:

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