

WHEREAS, Stevenson House was initiated by a group of Unitarians and named for one of America’s most prominent Unitarians, Adlai Stevenson, and opened its doors on February 15, 1968, under the sponsorship of Palo Alto Senior Housing Project, Inc., and will celebrate its fortieth anniversary this month; and

WHEREAS, Stevenson House receives ongoing support from the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church and the wider community, and, with three buildings on Charleston Road, provide 120 studio and one-bedroom units, each with a bath and a small kitchen, thereby enabling qualifying seniors to live comfortably in Palo Alto, close to shopping, parks, churches, libraries, and continuing education classes; and

WHEREAS, Stevenson House prides itself as a “community” where people can share interests, ideas, and experiences through a variety of programs, including the Monday night video programs centering on the performing arts, exercise classes led by community college staff, armchair travel with guest speakers and audiovisual presentations, Saturday bingo, “Snack and Chat” led by a community volunteer, and many performances by local singing or dancing groups; many of these events are initiated by or led by residents, outside groups, or by the staff of Stevenson House; and

WHEREAS, Stevenson House celebrates a diverse community where residents of all languages and ethnic backgrounds have a deep respect for one another in a supportive, pleasant environment that encourages the sharing of cultural traditions through friendships and education, and fosters independence through such services as shuttle transportation to downtown Palo Alto, translation services, weekly visits from a registered nurse, and 24-hour emergency assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby honor and commend the

Stevenson House

on its 40th Anniversary of providing a unique and vibrant community to senior independent adults in Palo Alto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twelfth Day of August, Two Thousand Eight by unanimous vote.

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Supervisor, District One

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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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