

WHEREAS, Mountain View-Los Altos Community Scholars is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring promising students the ability to handle the financial burdens of higher learning while providing them with the necessary mentorship for successful navigation of college life; and

WHEREAS, Mountain View-Los Altos Community Scholars was established in 2000 with the hopes of offering students of the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District an academic opportunity that they may not have otherwise received and has since given scholarships to one-hundred and one students, seventy-five percent of which have started at a four-year college; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of Mountain View-Los Altos Community Scholars that college is an important experience; It not only facilitates physical, emotional, and financial well-being, but also offers a safe place for self-discovery, allows for the expansion of perspectives, and opens more doors for career development; and

WHEREAS, in July 2009 Mountain View-Los Altos Community Scholars awarded sixteen students, twelve women and four men, from Mountain View, Los Altos, and Alta Vista High Schools who demonstrated financial need, high potential, and unique characteristics, with a four-year scholarship for their academic endeavors and a mentor to help make a four-year degree attainable; and

WHEREAS, summer 2009 also marked the introduction of Mountain View-Los Altos Community Scholars Seminars: these seminars provide all scholarship winners, past and present, tools for planning and living on a budget, time management, and effective studying.

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

Mountain View-Los Altos Community Scholars

for its dedication to promising students through financial support, mentorship, and the provision of the tools necessary to complete their college careers successfully.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Eleventh Day of August, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss, President
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Attest: Maria Marinos
Clerk, Board of Supervisors