

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION HONORING ANNE AND TOM HECK FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA BARBARA OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

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WHEREAS, Anne and Tom Heck began their partnership in 1967 when they met as university students, Anne in Slavic languages, Tom in music history. They married in 1968, leaving within weeks for Vienna, Austria, where Tom had a Fullbright scholarship to study the beginnings of the classical guitar. Tom completed his PhD at Yale in 1970. Anne later got a master's degree in Russian. Their daughter Larissa was born in 1969, followed by son John in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Tom's academic career took the family to many cities, starting with Cleveland, Ohio, where a friend introduced Anne to the League. The League helped Anne to find a place for herself in each new city and work on many studies: Orange, CA, on property taxes—just prior to Prop 13!; Torrance, CA, on third-world development; Milwaukee, WI, on international relations, including national studies of trade and defense policy. In Columbus, OH, Anne worked with her League discussion unit on local elections and edited "Know Your City and Your School." She served on the board of LWV Metropolitan Columbus from 1981-1985 and 1995-2001; and

WHEREAS, Tom spent 22 years on the Ohio State University faculty, serving as Director of the Music Library. Sabbatical years in Florence, Italy and the Netherlands enabled Anne to continue her interest in foreign languages, eventually leading to her career as a translator. In recent years, Tom and Anne, in collaboration with an Italian scholar, published two translations of important historical works on commedia dell'arte, 17th-century Italian improvised theatre; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, after Tom's retirement from Ohio State, they moved to Santa Barbara. In 2003 Anne joined the LWVSB board as editor of the Channel Voter. Tom's skills as a photographer have contributed to the Voter and even more essential has been his technical support. Tom has also served on the board of the Education Fund. Anne's continuing interest in international relations involved her in a recent study of immigration as well as being in forums put on the Coalition for Global Dialogue, of which LWVSB is a member. Anne is active on the steering committees of two church groups. Tom, an accomplished guitarist and vocalist, offers therapeutic music in local retirement communities through Visiting Nurses and Hospice; and

WHEREAS, Anne and Tom will be honored as Outstanding Members of the League of Women Voters at the League's Annual Garden Party on May 9, 2009.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 19th day of May, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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