

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MARIA MAYORGA ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2009 Maria Mayorga will be celebrating her 100th birthday at Marian Extended Care with her family and friends. Maria was born on March 25, 1909 in a small town in Mexico. Her parents Natalio and Adelaida Mayorga were the proud parents of fourteen children, happily living in a farm house where everyone helped with the house chores; and

WHEREAS, the first twenty years of Maria's life were not easy and were full of desolation and pain. Maria had lived through the Mexican Revolution, persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico and the loss of both parents and seven siblings; and

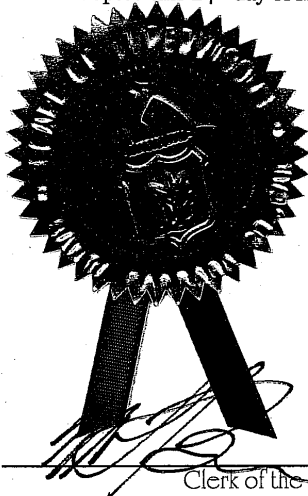
WHEREAS, on September 25, 1945 Maria arrived in Santa Maria, CA to live with her two sisters and brother. The following day a neighbor knocked at her door asking if she was interested in a job. Maria began working in the Central Supply department with Our Lady of Perpetual of Help Hospital which later became Marian Hospital. Maria had the pleasure to work there for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, upon Maria's arrival to the United States, she did not speak a word of English, but her drive to succeed in life led her to find the means on how to learn English. Maria found a Spanish/English dictionary which she studied and practiced daily. Before long she began interpreting to the doctors from their patients who only spoke Spanish. Maria became an American citizen on June 23, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Maria currently resides at Marian Extended Care where she is well taken care of. She spends most of her days reading her favorite Bible stories to strengthen her faith. As she says, "without God's help I could not have been able to survive this long", she belongs to the Franciscan Sister's Association; and

WHEREAS, gardening was one of Maria's greatest passions as well as crocheting, making rosaries for the missionaries worldwide, and books which gave her the knowledge to learn a second language as well as a set of wings that helped her travel around the world and visit fascinating and exotic places. But what she treasures the most, is all the love and caring she receives from her family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, recognize and honor Maria Mayorga on her 100th birthday. Passed and adopted this 24th day of March 2009.



ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District