RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SHARON ANN SIEGEL

IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges with deep appreciation the exceptional life of Sharon Ann Siegel, whose dedicated service enriched the lives of the residents of Santa Barbara County.

WHEREAS, following a distinguished career in television, Sharon embarked on her second vocation for two decades as District Director for Congressmember Walter Capps and later Lois Capps. From 1996 to 2016, she helped countless constituents access their government to receive the federal services they needed, from immigration support to transportation funding to emergency response.

WHEREAS, Sharon was the ultimate go-to in government: she knew which levers to pull, which contacts could help, and how to skilfully navigate bureaucracy for the greater good. She collaborated effectively with county, city, and state elected officials and their respective teams. Together for eighteen years, Sharon Siegel and Lois Capps made a formidable duo and became the closest of friends, crisscrossing the diverse communities within two counties to listen, learn, laugh and sometimes console - but always to try to serve.

WHEREAS, Sharon conducted public service with her trademark zest, speed, competence, determination, and infectious warmth. Sharon's eyes would light up by the spark of a smart idea – and she had many – or the completion of a significant project – she had a hand in many. Sharon supervised dozens of individuals, often at the outset of their careers, imparting the essentials of productive government service.

WHEREAS, Sharon was a loving mother to Holly, Julie and Elisabeth, and doting grandmother to Chloe, Devin, Sylvia, and Grant. Her enduring partnership with her beloved husband Andy was a testament to their shared values and commitment to family and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Sharon Ann Siegel, honoring her legacy of compassionate service and profound impact on our county.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 20th day of August, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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