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RESOLUTION NO. 20-213



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF STATE SENATOR HANNAH-BETH JACKSON

WHEREAS, Senator Jackson has dedicated her life to advocating for women, children, families, and the environment, by starting her distinguished career as a prosecutor in the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's office, and subsequently became a managing attorney practicing family-law in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties; and

WHEREAS, from 1998 to 2004 Senator Jackson represented part of Santa Barbara County in the 35th Assembly District and authored more than 60 bills signed into law; and

WHEREAS, from 2012-2020 Senator Jackson represented part of Santa Barbara County in the 19th State Senate District; and

WHEREAS, during her time in the Legislature, Senator Jackson has become known as an effective advocate for protecting the rights and privacy of Californians, protecting the environment, advancing legislation to reduce gun violence, supporting access to justice for all Californians, championing equality for women, advocating for commuter rail, improving access to early childhood education, and supporting veterans and veterans treatment courts, among other issues; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jackson is the author of the California Fair Pay Act, landmark legislation strengthening California's equal pay law, first-in-the-nation legislation requiring more women on corporate boards, and extended job-protected maternity and paternity leave for California families; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jackson championed legislation to help protect the beloved Ellwood Butterfly Grove in the City of Goleta, to cap old leaking oil wells off the coast of Summerland Beach, to help homeowners affected by wildfire, to improve safety on Highway 154, and secured funding for water security and infrastructure improvements at Lake Cachuma and to open a DMV office in the City of Santa Maria, just to name a few local accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jackson has received Legislator of the Year awards from a wide range of organizations and is the recipient of the prestigious California Women Lawyer's Fay Stender Award, given annually to an attorney who serves as a role model for women. An advocate for justice for women, children, and victims of crime for more than three decades, she helped establish the local organizations that became known as Domestic Violence Solutions and The Coalition Against Gun Violence; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that Senator Jackson's lifelong work of advocating for women's equality and those most overlooked and underserved started because despite being the best player in the neighborhood, she was discriminated against playing Little League Baseball just because she was a girl; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jackson has served as a role model to girls and women throughout our county, state, nation, and around the world, and has supported and encouraged countless other women to run for higher office and serve in leadership and executive roles; and

WHEREAS, this resolution only begins to scratch the surface of her legislative and philanthropic accomplishments and just as a self-proclaimed recovering attorney could go-on and on - keeping us on the edge of our seats - so could this list of accomplishments;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors recognize State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson for her distinguished career in service to the residents of the 19th Senate District, upon her retirement from the State Legislature. Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 8th day of December, 2020, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST

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