May 2, 2007

Judge Leonard P. Edwards (Ret.)

Dear Judge Edwards,

It was with heartfelt regret that the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors learned of the passing of your wife, Inger Sagatun-Edwards. In tribute, their regular meeting on April 24, 2007 was adjourned in her honor and memory.

While words are so inadequate at a time such as this, please allow us to take a moment to remember Inger for the brilliant woman she was. Inger’s accomplishments as an esteemed academician are known throughout Santa Clara County and are admired by many. She was known to motivate students, faculty, and administrators alike with her dynamic and bright personality. Each member of this Board, along with our community residents, are truly grateful for all of Inger’s time and dedication to bringing domestic violence issues to the forefront, and accomplishing great things to inspire people to do more to eradicate them.

The Board of Supervisors, both individually and collectively, express our condolences to you in this time of mourning Ingeer, a woman of true passion and dedication.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aiello

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Aiello,

The Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your cherished son, Michael. To honor him, the April 24, 2007 meeting was adjourned in his memory.

Losing a loved one is never easy, but to lose a child is most difficult of all. We know that you must be very proud of Michael; his hard work and dedication to the family business is to be admired. Michael's unique and outgoing personality will leave a lasting effect on all those who knew him.

We would like to extend our most sincere condolences to you and your family, we hope that you are able to find some solace in your special memories of Michael.

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Mr. George Welch

Dear Mr. Welch,

It is always tragic to lose a loved one, but so much more difficult to endure when that loved one was so tremendously passionate about family, church, human rights, and the local community, as your wife Gertrude was. Each member of the Board of Supervisors, individually and collectively, expresses deepest sympathy for the loss of Gertrude. As a gesture of respect, the Board dedicated the April 24, 2007 meeting in her honor and memory.

Gertrude touched the lives of so many of us who had the honor and pleasure of working with her. Her passing leaves a void in our hearts, and she will be fondly remembered and missed by us all. Gertrude expressed her deep convictions by encouraging dialogue and peaceful resolutions to some of the world's most difficult social issues. Her time spent on the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission significantly improved the relations among our diverse communities. For these reasons and so many more, we are now and always will be truly grateful to Gertrude.

Please accept for yourself and all who mourn with you our assurance of heartfelt sympathy. May you find solace in your cherished memories of your time together.

Donald F. Gage, Chair

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