WHEREAS, each year Avenidas hosts the Lifetimes of Achievement Awards, established in February 1986, honoring and commending local heroes who have made significant contributions in the community, professionally and through volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, this year Jean Coblentz is being honored with a Lifetime of Achievement Award from Avenidas for decades of dedicated volunteer work and community service; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of missionaries, Jean Coblentz spent several years of her childhood in China, and later attended Stanford University, where she majored in social sciences and minored in psychology, and then joined the Cap and Gown, a women leaders’ honor society, and co-founded the Society’s board in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Jean Coblentz worked at Hewlett-Packard, where volunteerism was encouraged, until she had the second of her four children; she continued volunteering in the community, being active with the PTA and scouting troops for boys and girls; she also started a book club with two friends, which led to an invitation from Channing House in 1968, where she’s given book reviews twice a year since; and in 1962, she joined the Menlo-Atherton Auxiliary, a volunteer organization which supports the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Jean Coblentz continues to demonstrate her commitment to the community in numerous capacities, including serving as chair of the Allied Arts Guild Auxiliary in Menlo Park, where she has volunteered for 50 years, including three times as President; she has been development officer at Stanford for 27 years, where she served two terms with Associates of Stanford Libraries; and is also an honorary member of the PTA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby honor and commend

Jean Coblentz

as she receives the 2012 Avenidas Lifetime of Achievement Award, and for being a shining example of the valuable and positive impact of actively volunteering in one’s community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty-second Day of May, Two Thousand Twelve by unanimous vote.

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George M. Shirakawa
President, Board of Supervisors

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Mike Wasserman
Supervisor, District One

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Dave Cortese
Supervisor, District Three

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Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

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Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District Five

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Attest: Lynn Regadanz
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors