

Resolution No. 2012-038

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" AND HONORING MAYRENE BATES AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2012

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is an annual declared month worldwide that highlights contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, March has been designated in the United States with this year's theme being "Women's Education – Women's Empowerment"; and

WHEREAS, annually the Solano County Library Foundation honors prominent women leaders in our community for their contributions at the Women's History Month Luncheon. One of this year's honorees is Mayrene Bates; and

WHEREAS, Mayrene Bates grew up in the South under the Jim Crow laws of segregation. She began her working career at the young age of 9 as a domestic; recognizing the importance of education as a great equalizer, she left home at age 16 to attend college; and

WHEREAS, from very humble beginnings, Mayrene Bates went on to become the assistant superintendent for curriculum for the Solano County Office of Education. Since her retirement, Mayrene Bates has continued to play an active role in education on numerous commissions and non-profit organization boards; and

WHEREAS, Mayrene Bates served for over 30 years as an educator, civic leader, writer and philanthropist in the Fairfield-Suisun community. She is highly regarded for her passion and support of education and advocacy for the developmentally disabled; and

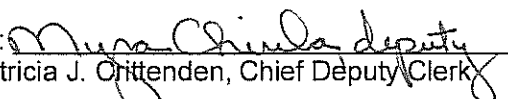
WHEREAS, together with husband Jim, Mayrene Bates annually awards the MJBates Scholarship to graduating Fairfield High School students as part of the annual Assist-A-Grad Scholarship program, demonstrating their personal commitment to providing educational opportunities for local youths.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate Mayrene Bates on this distinct honor and thanks her for her years of contributions to the field of education in Solano County.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2012


LINDA J. SEIFERT, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk