



City of Berkeley Proclamation

IN HONOR OF HELEN R. FARNSWORTH ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

- WHEREAS,** Helen R. Farnsworth was born on July 31, 1914, in Alameda, California; and
- WHEREAS,** Her father was the first mate on a steamship that travelled between San Francisco and Sacramento while her mother supported their family who lived in a bungalow built by Helen's father; and
- WHEREAS,** Helen was admitted to the University of California at Berkeley in 1935, where she received her B.A. in English upon graduation; and
- WHEREAS,** Helen was hired as the first employee of the Department of Music at UC Berkeley and, as it grew, she was promoted to become the first administrative manager of the department, developing a deep love for classical music and opera, and having the opportunity to meet leading composers and musicians; and
- WHEREAS,** Helen retired from the music department at UC Berkeley in 1972; and
- WHEREAS,** Into her late 90's, Helen has been exploring new interests, enjoying her love of flowers, music, opera and books, and even joining a Tai Chi group at age 95, while she continues to live in her Peralta Avenue home.

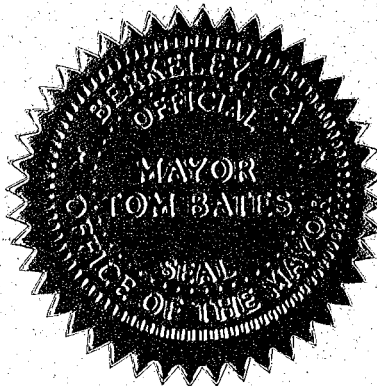
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES, Mayor of the City of Berkeley do hereby honor

HELEN R. FARNSWORTH

on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Tom Bates

Tom Bates
Mayor



July 8, 2014