



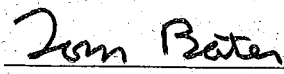
IN HONOR OF MARILYN PURSLEY

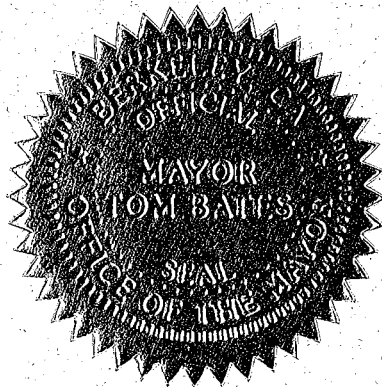
- WHEREAS,** Marilyn was one of the original Rosie the Riveters at the Richmond shipyards in 1943-44; and
- WHEREAS,** She was instrumental in the 1950s in prompting an ACLU investigation of racism in real estate practices that helped end segregation in the industry and the ban on non-whites as Realtors; and
- WHEREAS,** Marilyn also helped remove racial barriers and desegregate Berkeley neighborhoods when she moved her interracial family to her first Berkeley home; and
- WHEREAS,** Marilyn's strong political beliefs fueled a lifetime dedication to taking actions to change the world for the better; and
- WHEREAS,** She has been a local Realtor—and Realtist!—in good standing for more than 60 years; and
- WHEREAS,** She was a founding owner of Thornwall Properties, Inc. in 1984 and has been working as a co-broker, expertly handling clients and managing agents in this active company for over 30 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Marilyn is much loved by the dozens of Thornwall Properties agents whose files she diligently and meticulously oversaw with gentle but firm corrections and occasional gold-stars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES,** Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do celebrate and congratulate, on the occasion of her retirement from real estate at age 96,

**Marilyn Pursley**

for her dedication to ending discrimination and to bettering the lives of her colleagues as well as the larger community.

  
Tom Bates  
Mayor



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