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**HONORING MATILDA BELZ PASCOE'S 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS,** Matilda Belz Pascoe was born on November 20, 1911 in Fresno, CA and this year will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS,** Matilda was born into a family of six children and throughout the Great Depression her family traveled and lived in a number of different cities throughout California; and

**WHEREAS,** Matilda attended school in every place her family lived, even if it was for a short time. After graduation from high school, Matilda's older brother and brother-in-law took Matilda to Sacramento to live with them and go to secretarial school. She loved typing and took great pride her ability to type for hours without error; and

**WHEREAS,** After graduation from secretarial school in 1931, Matilda moved to Oakland to live with her parents and despite the Great Depression Matilda was able to find a job working for a print shop as a typist. Matilda enjoyed her work at The Reliable Letter Shop and she was soon asked to take over the management of the print shop; and

**WHEREAS,** Matilda met Ed Pascoe through one of her mother's tenants and in 1936 they married at the All Souls Episcopal Church at the corner of Cedar and Spruce. Matilda started a new career as wife, homemaker, and by 1941, as a mother. They bought a house on Addison Street where Matilda still lives; and

**WHEREAS,** Their three children, Charles, Allen and Laverne, were educated in Berkeley schools where Matilda was involved in the PTA. She was especially active in the Burbank School PTA. She also helped with a Cub Scout group. The family enjoyed vacations at Berkeley's Cazadero camp. Matilda cherishes her family which now includes seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren who live on the West Coast; and

**WHEREAS,** she has lived in Berkeley for seventy years after getting married to Ed Pascoe, a Berkeley native, at All Souls Episcopal Church at the corner of Cedar and Spruce and buying a house on Addison Street in 1941 where she lives to this day; and

**WHEREAS,** Over her life Matilda's commitment to her faith has grown steadily. For many years she was a member of the University Avenue Lutheran Church and is now a member of the Presbyterian Church at Dana and Channing. For more than half a century she has participated in various East Bay community bible study groups. In the seventies a Berkeley group met weekly in her home; and

~~WHEREAS, Matilda's three children were educated in Berkeley schools and she was active in community events including the PTA and cub scouts; and~~

~~WHEREAS, she continues to be active in local churches and Bible study groups; and~~

~~WHEREAS, she is one of the last living Americans whose career depended on the manual typewriter where there was no margin of error.~~

WHEREAS, Matilda maintains a lively schedule and often has visitors and takes brief walks. Matilda can still be counted on to take an interest in and even get excited about local and world events.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby celebrates the active and full life of Matilda Pascoe as she reaches 100 amazing years on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in the City of Berkeley and thanks her for her many contributions to our community.;

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