

COMMENDING
Francoise O. Lepage Ph.D.
2007 HONOREE OF THE MARIN WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

WHEREAS, in 1987, a group of women founded the Marin Women's Hall of Fame with the mission to discover and honor women in our varied community who serve as role models and demonstrate excellence in a wide range of endeavors. Since then, the Marin Women's Hall of Fame has sought to recognize the achievements and contributions made by such Marin County women to the overall well-being of our county and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, for 30 years, Dr. Francoise O. Lepage has had a vision of enhancing Marin's global perspective, introducing that vision through a variety of programs for K-12 teachers, designing international academic programs at Dominican University of California, and engaging in public speaking throughout Asia and in particular throughout Marin County through Rotary clubs, Chamber of Commerce, Seniors in Retirement, and World Affairs Council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lepage has the unique quality of connecting to her audience and engaging them in exploring international questions, building international understanding across cultures, genders and generations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lepage directed the Dominican at Oxford Program and the Dominican-Wuxi China Program while participating in K-12 workshops for Marin teachers. Her international responsibilities never took her away from her Marin focus; for 30 years she has lived, "think globally, act locally"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lepage was ahead of the wave for creating international curriculum, developing Dominican's first international studies program in the early 80's and she created the first Asia-Pacific focused graduate business program in 1986; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1990's as founding director of the graduate Program in Pacific Basin Studies, of which Dr. Lepage was the main architect, she promoted and convinced faculty to integrate sustainability issues into the MBA curriculum, fighting for and obtaining the funding needed to support the faculty, the students and the curriculum development; this is just one example of how she brought concept to vision to reality using perseverance, tenacity and long-term commitment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lepage has been awarded for her achievements and they do speak to her breadth of contributions; 1991, awarded a Japan Foundation Visit Fellowship; 1993, awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters from her Alma Matter, Marymount University as a "distinguished alumna and educator"; 1993, received Distinguished Citizens Award from the Marin Cultural Center; 1998, selected by the Commonwealth Club of Northern California to participate in its Distinguished Professor Lecture Series; 1998, received the Sarlo Distinguished Professor of the Year Award for Lifetime Achievement; and 2001, received the Pacific Basin Alumni Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lepage continues to be involved in the internationalization effort, most recently she co-authored a paper entitled "Economic Development and Systemic Stress: Comparative Analysis of China and India" which was presented at the 8th Asian Urbanization Conference in Kobe, Japan, and the World Affairs Council of Northern California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Dr. Francoise O. Lepage upon her induction into the 2007 Marin Women's Hall of Fame.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 13th day of March 2007.

Susan L. Adams – Supervisor, District 1

Judy Arnold – Supervisor, District 5

Steve Kinsey – President

Clerk