RESOLUTION NO __________
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MARILYN GILLESPIE
UPON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Marilyn Gillespie began her employment with the City of Palo Alto on September 29, 1969 and has served the citizens of Palo Alto by providing exceptional public library service for over 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Gillespie began her career as a library assistant and eventually held positions at every branch of the Palo Alto City Library; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Gillespie served as the first staff member to hold the Library’s Career Development Position and in that capacity developed a Volunteer Program for the Library; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Gillespie served in that capacity from 1981 to 1984 accomplishing many goals including increasing the use of volunteer support for the Library by almost 500% and serving as chair person in 1983 of the first citywide volunteer recognition event; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Gillespie lead the Library’s outreach efforts to older adults, the homebound, people with disabilities, and non-English language speakers; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Gillespie served as a Senior Librarian at the Mitchell Park Library from 1984 until her promotion as Coordinator of Library Extension Services in 1987 and another promotion in 1991 to Supervising Librarian for Mitchell Park and Terman Park Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Gillespie has been instrumental in the various planning efforts to rebuild the Mitchell Park Library to better serve the Community, including the development of an extensive 2002 application for a state grant for library construction; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Gillespie is known for excellence in public service; staff development and supervision; leadership; and for her humane and caring nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby commends the outstanding public service of Marilyn Gillespie and records its appreciation as well as the appreciation of the citizens of the City of Palo Alto for her service and contributions rendered during her 38 years of employment with the City.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:
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ATTEST: APPROVED:

City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney
City Manager