

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA# \*A-4

Urgent \_\_\_\_\_ Routine X

AGENDA DATE March 13, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_  
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF COMMENDATIONS FOR THE WOMEN OF THE YEAR FOR THE  
MINORITY WOMEN NETWORK OF STANISLAUS COUNTY

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. APPROVE COMMENDATIONS FOR THE WOMEN OF THE YEAR FOR THE  
MINORITY WOMEN NETWORK OF STANISLAUS COUNTY

FISCAL IMPACT:

NONE

BOARD ACTION

No. 2001-160

On motion of Supervisor Mayfield, Seconded by Supervisor Caruso

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Simon

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

Motion:

Christine Ferraro File No.

ATTEST: REAGAN M. WILSON, Clerk By: Deputy

## **Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge persons who have generously given of their time and efforts toward the improvement and enhancement of their communities and who are to be heartily congratulated and commended; and

WHEREAS, Inell Sheppard has been designated as one of these individuals by the Minority Women's Network of Stanislaus County, which selected her as a "Woman of the Year" for 2001; and

WHEREAS, Inell has served as an energetic, dedicated volunteer in the Westside Community as well as the greater Modesto Community for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, Inell dedicated her time and energy to bringing about the first federally funded Head Start Program in Stanislaus County and helped initiate the grass roots efforts that brought about the King Kennedy Memorial Center; and

WHEREAS, Inell continues to provide unconditional services to Modesto residents in need of shelter, food, furniture, counseling or other personal services; and

WHEREAS, Inell is dependable and responsible to the community and her efforts have earned her the sincere admiration of the people of Stanislaus County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize, commend and honor Inell Sheppard for her outstanding record of community service, which has helped improve the quality of life for others, and convey their sincere best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

Upon motion...

## Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Resolution

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge persons who have generously given of their time and efforts toward the improvement and enhancement of their communities and who are to be heartily congratulated and commended; and

WHEREAS, Ashante Williams has been designated as one of these individuals by the Minority Women's Network of Stanislaus County, which selected her as a "Young Woman of the Year" for 2001; and

WHEREAS, Ashante has served as an energetic, dedicated volunteer through her service as a *Teen Life Challenge Group Leader*, and the *No Limit Drill Team* instructor and the West Modesto-King Kennedy Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, Ashante spearheaded the development of a group for junior high school girls in which she encourages the girls to make responsible life choices; and

WHEREAS, Ashante continues to serve her community through her exemplary model of character and virtue; and

WHEREAS, Ashante is dependable and responsible to the community and her efforts have earned her the sincere admiration of the people of Stanislaus County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby <sup>from Ashante</sup> recognize, <sup>Commended</sup> commend and honor Ashante Williams for her outstanding record of community service, which has helped improve the quality of life for others, and convey their sincere best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

Upon motion...

## **Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge persons who have generously given of their time and efforts toward the improvement and enhancement of their communities and who are to be heartily congratulated and commended; and

WHEREAS, Maria Tuiasosopo has been designated as one of these individuals by the Minority Women's Network of Stanislaus County, which selected her as a "Woman of the Year" for 2001; and

WHEREAS, Maria Tuiasosopo has served as an energetic, dedicated volunteer in the kindergarten classrooms at Pearson School for over a year and a half; and

WHEREAS, Maria's hard work and exemplary character have encouraged Pearson students and their parents toward high academic achievement and success; and

WHEREAS, Maria has made a tremendous difference in the lives of over one-hundred-thirty-two children and their parents; and

WHEREAS, Maria is dependable and responsible to the community and her efforts have earned her the sincere admiration of the people of Stanislaus County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize, commend and honor Maria Tuiasosopo for her outstanding record of community service, which has helped improve the quality of life for others, and convey their sincere best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

Upon motion...

## **Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge persons who have generously given of their time and efforts toward the improvement and enhancement of their communities and who are to be heartily congratulated and commended; and

WHEREAS, Carla Ann Perez has been designated as one of these individuals by the Minority Women's Network of Stanislaus County, which selected her as a "Woman of the Year" for 2001; and

WHEREAS, Carla has served as an energetic, dedicated volunteer who distributes bread and clothes to families in need for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Carla has served as an energetic, dedicated volunteer who has assisted the Salvation Army, the Stanislaus County Child and Infants Care Association, the Newman Parks and Recreation and the Sweet Dreams Parties for Oakland Ballet for over seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, Carla collected food and clothing for the Newman Convalescence Hospital following the devastating flood of 1996-97; and

WHEREAS, Carla is dependable and responsible to the community and her efforts have earned her the sincere admiration of the people of Stanislaus County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize, commend and honor Carla Ann Perez for her outstanding record of community service, which has helped improve the quality of life for others, and convey their sincere best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

Upon motion...

## Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

### Resolution

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge persons who have generously given of their time and efforts toward the improvement and enhancement of their communities and who are to be heartily congratulated and commended; and

WHEREAS, Jean Marie Miscisin has been designated as one of these individuals by the Minority Women's Network of Stanislaus County, which selected her as a "Woman of the Year" for 2001; and

WHEREAS, Jean Marie Miscisin is one of the co-founders of the Minority Women's Network of Stanislaus County, and in so doing created more opportunities for the recognition of the services of minority women to their families and the community; and

WHEREAS, Jean Marie Miscisin has worked tirelessly for over twenty years to empower her students by researching learning styles, discovering the endless possibilities in people from all cultures, learning from her students, and appreciating their talents; and

WHEREAS, Jean Marie Miscisin taught English for the workplace to refugees in two programs: The STAR Program, Stanislaus Training Assistance for Refugees, and the Cambodian Community Project, and was recognized by the Cambodian Leadership Committee of Northern California for her assistance as a teacher, advocate, and friend of Cambodian Refugees; and

WHEREAS, Jean Marie Miscisin sought to serve her students better by earning two masters degrees: The first, American Culture Studies with a Concentration in Minority Studies, and the second, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages; and

WHEREAS, Jean Marie Miscisin also taught English in ESL Courses at Modesto Junior College, and for six growing-seasons, she taught English to migrant workers and their families in Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties; and

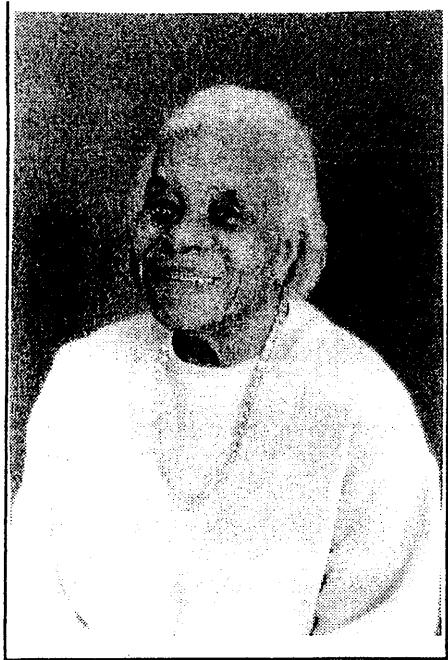
WHEREAS, Jean Marie Miscisin has worked with children, their parents, and various school staff members for the improvement of children's reading skills; and

WHEREAS, Jean Marie Miscisin is currently working with the READING COLORS! program, presenting methods of teaching reading that meet the needs of students who come from many cultures by celebrating their differences in learning styles; and

WHEREAS, Jean Marie Miscisin has dedicated her life to helping adults and children, teachers and students experience the joy of learning, and her efforts have earned her the sincere admiration of the people of Stanislaus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize, commend and honor Jean Marie Miscisin for her outstanding record of community service, which has helped improve the quality of life for others, and convey their sincere best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

# Award Recipient



## **Marguerite Dill**

Marguerite Dill, a native of Modesto, was born on December 18, 1912. She lived in Turlock as a youngster, returning to Modesto after the death of her father, where she married and raised her family. Marguerite and her husband David have raised eight children: Howard Lockard, Frank Lockard, David Dill, Jr., Rickie Dill (deceased), Sterling Fountain, Willie Mae Dill and Joe Dill.

Marguerite started her volunteer work in the 1940s, when her son wanted to be a cub scout. During that time things were still segregated, so along with a couple other mothers in the black community, Marguerite helped form a boy scout

troop. This enabled other black children the opportunity to be a part of scouting. As her daughters grew, she volunteered to assist with the Brownie Troop at Washington Elementary School. She felt by doing this, it would allow other black girls to be more comfortable participating with Girl Scouts.

Having a child that was developmentally disabled, she and her husband had a strong concern for the needs and care of these children. In the early 1950s, she began volunteering with fundraising efforts to establish facilities for the education and training of the developmentally disabled citizens in our community. After a lot of hard work, ultimately the end result was the Howard Training Center.

As an active member of the West Modesto community, Marguerite has had an impact on the quality of life for seniors, the disabled and the shut-ins in the community. For over 25 years, she has volunteered at the Senior Lunch Program, currently located at Mancini Hall, providing a hot meal five days a week to low income seniors.

Mrs. Dill is active in her church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion, one of the oldest black churches in Modesto. She has always encouraged her family to attend a church and be active in their community, no matter how small or insignificant they may think their contribution.

Mrs. Dill has always felt that from the vision of a dream to the reality of a dream you can be a part of the team to make a difference in our community.