

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:
Honoring Deputy Public Defender IV, Mary Pryor To Commemorate Her Retirement

Resolution No. 2009/116

WHEREAS, Mary Pryor is retiring from the Office of the Public Defender after almost 23 years of service to the Department;
WHEREAS, Mary Pryor received her B.A. degree from the State University of New York in 1978, and her law degree from Hastings College of the Law in 1983;
WHEREAS, Mary Pryor worked as a Research Attorney for Chief Justice Rose Bird from 1983 through 1985 and as a Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Marin in 1986, and then found a professional home with the Office of Public Defender in Contra Costa County in September of 1986;
WHEREAS, Mary Pryor was first assigned to handle misdemeanor cases in Central County, and then felony cases in West County, Mary found her greatest professional fulfillment in her assignment to cases of both parents and children in our juvenile dependency practice;
WHEREAS, Mary Pryor was a pillar of the Department’s dependency practice for many years, where she represented her clients with the kind of aplomb that garnered her praise from judges, parents, children, opposing counsel and all others with interest in the juvenile dependency practice area of the Department;
WHEREAS, Mary Pryor most recently carried the banner for the Department in her assignment to the Superior Court probation calendar, an assignment in which she has also gained great respect from the frequently returning group of probation clients on that calendar as well as the respect of the judicial officers with whom she has worked so masterfully;
WHEREAS, Mary Pryor has also most recently been the Department’s Clean Slate Deputy and has served the interests of deserving clients who needed past convictions reduced, dismissed or expunged in order to move forward with their lives; and
WHEREAS, in addition to her contributions to the lives of young and old clients of the Department through providing zealous, caring and creative representation, Mary Pryor has contributed to the career of every staff member by being a good friend and by providing positive, good natured, and mature advice to her co-workers for more than two decades;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa acknowledges and thanks Mary Pryor for her dedicated service to the Office of Public Defender, the clients of that Office and the people of this county on the occasion of her retirement as an employee of Contra Costa County. PASSED and ADOPTED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 31st day of March, 2009.

SUSAN A. BONILLA

Chair,
District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

Gayle B. Uilkema

District II Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 31, 2009

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy