

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

In the matter of:
recognizing Theresa Golden as 2019 Labor Leader of the Year

Resolution No. 2019/544

Theresa Golden was the second youngest of six siblings. For the majority of her childhood, her father, Walter Lee Girvin, was an active duty, Chief Warrant Officer in the US Army. Her mother, Patricia Girvin, worked up to three jobs simultaneously to ensure that her family was provided for. With such hardworking parents, it's easy to see where Theresa got her strong work ethic.

Although born in Germany, she spent most of her adolescent years in Contra Costa County. She attended Kerry Hills and Tara Hills elementary schools in San Pablo, California before moving onto Pinole Jr. High School. After her extensive advocacy and organization, she was among the first girls who were able to run in PJHS's Turkey Trot. She won 1st place in the girls race, and her time was 2nd overall. In highschool, Theresa was in gymnastics and band, but most assuredly, an avid runner. For all four years, she held the 1st place title in the 1-mile and 2-mile in West County Track and Field. She was 7th in California state for long distance running in track. She graduated from Pinole Valley High School, class of 1980.

She was always active in her community helping those in need. She was Candy-Striper in the Future Nurse program at her high school. She tutored a woman with Cerebral Palsy during and after highschool, in which she learned American Sign Language in order to better assist her student. She is and was a community advocate, and self-described tomboy who was paving her way which culminated into her consideration to join the building trades.

She began her apprenticeship in 1992 and was initiated into UA 342 as a Steamfitter in 1993. After obtaining nine specialty certifications for her craft and being an active member of her union, she garnered the respect to serve on many committees within UA 342. She sat on the Work Preservation Committee as an apprentice, and went on to sit on the Bylaws Committee, Committee on Political Education (COPE), and was appointed to serve as an interim member on the Examining Board. She volunteered to help with political functions, fundraisers and solidarity pickets.

She increasingly became more participatory in the Contra Costa Central Labor Council, becoming a delegate for her union on the Executive Board of the Labor Council in 2002. During her time at the CLC she has walked and phonebanked for countless Local, State and US electeds, recruiting family members and friends to campaign alongside her for working families.

Theresa has been and advocate for workers and strong labor values. As women in the building trades, she has become an inspiration and a source of support for the women in her union and women in other trades through her participation in Tradeswomen, Inc. In 2006, Theresa was recognized for her work with Tradeswomen, Inc. by the director of the California Workforce Services Bureau.

that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and congratulate Theresa Golden as the 2019 Labor Leader of the Year.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair, District I Supervisor

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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: September 10, 2019

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy