



LETTER OF RECOGNITION

**Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara
30 Year Anniversary
February 26, 2013**

WHEREAS, founded in 1983, the *Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara* is a public nonprofit charitable organization; and

WHEREAS, the historic *Acheson House*, built in 1904, became the headquarters of the *Architectural Foundation*. *Acheson House* is just one example of Santa Barbara's Victorian Italianate residential design; and

WHEREAS, a gift from a generous donor to the *Architectural Foundation*, the *Acheson House* is the first gift of this kind and magnitude to any architectural foundation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the *Architectural Foundation* provides various programs such as *Sabado and Domingo walking tours* through historic *De La Guerra Adobe*, *El Paseo*, *Meridian Studios*, the *Lobero Theatre*, and more. The tours provide community awareness and appreciation of the history and beauty of Santa Barbara architecture; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the *Santa Barbara County Education Office Regional Occupational Program*, the annual *Architectural Design Competition* challenges high school students to express creative solutions to building design problems; and

WHEREAS, the *Kid's Draw Architecture* program gives our Santa Barbara youth the opportunity to sketch historically significant buildings and landscapes of prominent local architecture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby congratulate and commend the **ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION OF SANTA BARBARA** as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 26th day of February, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helene Schneider", is written over a horizontal line.

HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor

