



**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
Mayor

