RECOGNIZING TOM GIBBONEY ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, in 1976, when Tom was managing editor of the Anchorage Daily News, the paper won the Pulitzer Prize for public service for its investigation of impact and influence of the Teamsters Union on Alaska's economy and politics; and

WHEREAS, he moved here from Alaska, where he was publisher and part-owner of the Homer News. His partner there was Howard Simons, managing editor of the Washington Post during its Watergate coverage that brought down President Nixon; and

WHEREAS, Tom moved to Menlo Park in 1989 after he received the prestigious Knight Journalism Fellowship at Stanford. In 1992, he became editor of the Palo Alto Weekly; and

WHEREAS, Tom has been a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Menlo Park and helped launch the Tour de Menlo, a joint project between the Almanac and the Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, as Almanac publisher, Tom launched the Almanac Holiday Fund drive in 1993, which continues today and has raised more than $3 million for local nonprofit agencies; and

WHEREAS, during his years at the Almanac, Tom wrote more than 1,000 editorials and won many state-wide awards for editorial commentary; and

WHEREAS, when Tom Gibboney retired on June 27, 2014, he had served as editor and publisher of the Almanac for 21 years, and editor and publisher of the Mountain View Voice (a sister paper owned by Embarcadero Media) for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Tom’s humor, his commitment to public service, his editorial integrity and his passion for the residents and City of Menlo Park will be missed; and

WHEREAS, his retirement closes a 45-year journalism career.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ray Mueller, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, do hereby recognize Tom Gibboney for his contributions to the Menlo Park community on the occasion of his retirement as editor of the Almanac.

Ray Mueller, Mayor