

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF RUTH GOTTSTEIN ) RESOLUTION NO. 22-141  
FOR HER LIFE OF SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT )

WHEREAS, Ruth Gottstein was born in San Francisco in 1922 and passed away in Volcano in August 2022 at the age of 100; and

WHEREAS, At age 11, Ruth was portrayed in a Coit Tower mural by her father, artist Bernard Zakheim, and she lived through the challenging and tumultuous events of the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Ruth married Howard Gottstein in 1939, and together they raised three children, Daniel, Karen, and Adam, in San Francisco's Haight Ashbury neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, After beginning to regularly vacation in Amador County in the early 1950s, the Gottsteins bought the old brewery in Volcano in 1964, then after Howard's untimely death, Ruth relocated to Amador in 1984 and ran Volcano Press from that restored historic building -- also her residence -- until her retirement in 2016 at age 94; and

WHEREAS, Motivated by her love of books and passion for social justice, Ruth published the first American book about domestic violence at Glide Publications in San Francisco in 1976, and continued to publish national award-winning books about domestic violence, women's health, Jewish themes, Amador County history, and art at Volcano Press; and

WHEREAS, Living a purpose-filled life defined by social and political causes, and with a well-deserved reputation for "doing the right thing," Ruth was a staunch and vocal advocate for civil rights, the La Raza movement, women's rights, labor, victims of domestic violence, and LGBTQ rights; and

WHEREAS, Ruth was active in Amador County as a member of the local Jewish community, a strong supporter of the Amador County Library, the senior columnist for the *Upcountry News*, and a board member of the Area 12 Agency on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Ruth honored her father's memory and the importance of public art by playing a key role in the preservation and restoration of Coit Tower and in saving her father's "History of Medicine in California" murals in University of California San Francisco Medical Center's Toland Hall; and

WHEREAS, As the proud and loving matriarch of her family, Ruth delighted in introducing her four grandchildren to travel abroad and hosting family holiday gatherings at her Volcano home, where her extended family shared delicious meals, good wine, and joyous laughter;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, that said Board does hereby adopt this resolution in memory of Ruth Gottstein, recognizing her great personal integrity and her years of service to humanity, learning, art, and Amador County.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, by the following vote:

AYES: Richard M. Forster, Jeff Brown, Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew, Frank U. Axe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

  
Richard M. Forster, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,  
California

  
Deputy