

## **Adjournment in the Memory of Mary Widows**

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**June 19, 2012**

Colleagues, I ask that we adjourn today's Board meeting in the memory of Mary Widows of Orange who passed away on June 10, 2012 at the age of 99.

Mary was born in Glasgow, Montana on November 26, 1912; she was one of 10 children born to immigrant parents.

In 1931, Mary moved to Orange and took her first job was at Watson's Drug Store. She would meet her husband, Lyle, while working at Watson's.

Mary worked on every presidential campaign since Barry Goldwater in 1964 and her efforts have been recognized many times for achievement and tireless dedication to the Republican Party. She was selected Woman of the Year for the California State Legislature in 1994, was a Lifetime member of the Orange Republican Women Federated and was honored as Volunteer of the Year by the Orange YWCA in 2000.

Additionally, Mary was active in numerous community and church organizations, including Freedoms Foundation of Orange County, the Orange Historical Society and St. John's Lutheran Church of Orange, and received many honors and accolades for her service over the years.

Mary loved people and demonstrated that love by all the things she did for others. Her faith and her strong moral principals guided her way of life. She loved cooking and entertaining friends in her home with good food and conversation.

Mary always considered herself a "self-proclaimed" native of Orange having lived there for 81years. Mary passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her daughter, Jane Owens; son-in-law, Tim and many beloved nieces and nephews.

I ask that we please keep Mary and her family in your thoughts and prayers.