

*Resolution of the Board of Supervisors
County of Orange*

*CONSENT CALENDAR
THIRD DISTRICT*

February 10, 2009

Maureen Zehntner

In Celebration of Her Service in and Contributions to the Health Care Profession

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, Maureen Zehntner began her outstanding and distinguished career in the health care profession as an Emergency Department Nurse at Marin Luther King Hospital in Anaheim, California in 1981 and has decided to retire after twenty-eight years of service working in various capacities in the health care profession; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zehntner's first position in the health care profession was serving as an Emergency Nurse at Marin Luther King Hospital; her fine work and versatility earned her a variety of job assignments throughout her career; consequently, she was elevated to the posts of Assistant Director of Emergency Services and Director of Pediatric Services and was eventually promoted to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Martin Luther King Hospital, which is the last position she held at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zehntner's knowledge of health care matters led her to St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, California in 1992 in the position of Chief Operating Officer; a new opportunity opened up for her in 1995 and she joined Children's Hospital of Orange County in Orange, California as an Operations Consultant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zehntner has served the University of California, Irvine in excellent fashion as Chief Executive and Associate Vice Chancellor for Medical Center Affairs and Chief Operating Officer in the thirteen years that she has worked for this first-class learning and health care institution; in addition to her service with Marin Luther King Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital, Children's Hospital of Orange County, and the University of California, Irvine Medical Center, Ms. Zehntner has significantly contributed to the enhancement of health care in Orange County and across America through her leadership and service as a member of the Orange County Emergency Medical Care Committee, the Hospital Association of Southern California Orange County Executive Board, the University Health System Consortium Board of Directors, the American Hospital Association Region IX Policy Board, and several other boards, committees, and task forces throughout her stellar career; and

WHEREAS, under her highly capable leadership, the University of California, Irvine Medical Center provides outstanding care to its patients, educates and trains future health care providers through the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine, and offers the environment for cutting-edge medical research and clinical trials; while at the helm of the University of California, Irvine Medical Center, the hospital became the first hospital in Orange County to earn the prestigious Magnet Designation for Nursing Excellence honors, has been recognized as one of "America's best Hospitals" by U.S. News and World report for eight successive years, and has been

selected as one of only thirty-three hospitals in the nation by the Leapfrog Hospital Survey as a top hospital for its commitment to quality patient care and safety; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zehntner has made a positive, far-reaching, and enduring impact throughout Orange County and in many people's lives; she has demonstrated her devotion to enhancing the quality of health care - both for our public and private health care systems as well as the health care that individuals receive; her outstanding work in the health care profession has resulted in better health, quality of life, and longevity for countless people; the people of Orange County and Orange County's area hospitals have been blessed to have been served by an individual of the caliber of Maureen Zehntner, and her dedicated service to Orange County and Southern California residents is worthy of much thanks and recognition as she enters retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby congratulate Maureen Zehntner on her retirement from the University of California, Irvine and the health care profession, commend for her twenty-eight years of outstanding, caring, and dedicated service in the health care profession, and offer her best wishes for a long, happy, joyful, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.