

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Beth Herzog, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honors the life of Jean Mater, who passed away in July, 2008 at the age of 92. Recognizes her contributions to the city of Corvallis, the forest products industry, and Oregon State University.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Successful in science, academics, business, and family
- Instrumental in recruiting Hewlett-Packard to Corvallis and helping Corvallis to accept them
- Example for women

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Jean Mater was born in New York City and moved to Corvallis in 1946. She received her master's degree in chemistry from Cornell University in 1940 and her doctoral degree in Forest Products Engineering from Oregon State College in 1955. During the war years, she worked as a scientist at Bell Labs in a predominately male environment. Along with her husband, Milt, she founded Mater Machine Works and later Mater Engineering, Ltd. The firms specialized in providing services to the forest products industry while championing early sustainable forest practices. Among her many accomplishments were being the first woman in Oregon to be named president of a Chamber of Commerce (1974), named Corvallis First Citizen (1975) and Senior First Citizen (2006), organizing the Corvallis chapter of Altrusa International (1958), serving on the Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and the Oregon State University College of Business Advisory Council. She was instrumental in bringing Hewlett-Packard to Corvallis.