



TOWN OF FAIRFAX
STAFF REPORT
June 3, 2015

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk *MG*

SUBJECT: Adoption of a resolution honoring the contributions and service of "Rosie the Riveters" with special recognition for Phyllis Gould of Fairfax who served at the Kaiser Shipyards

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Coler requested that this item be added to the agenda for the Council's consideration.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

RESOLUTION 15-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE OF “ROSIE THE RIVETERS” WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR PHYLLIS GOULD OF FAIRFAX WHO SERVED AT THE KAISER SHIPYARDS IN RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA DURING WORLD WAR II

WHEREAS, in 1942, during World War II, the United States government launched a campaign to encourage women to enter the workforce to support the war efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the government created and promoted the character “Rosie the Riveter” for the campaign, an image which has become a cultural icon that symbolizes the American women who worked in factories during World War II, many of whom produced munitions and war supplies; and,

WHEREAS, these women often took the place of men in the workforce replacing male workers who were in the military; and,

WHEREAS, “Rosie the Riveter” inspired a social movement that increased the number of working American women from 12 million to 20 million by 1944; and

WHEREAS, the image of “Rosie the Riveter” reflected the work of female welders, riveters and other related industrial professions during World War II; and,

WHEREAS, many of the Rosies in the Bay Area worked at the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond, California, serving as welders, electricians, draftsmen and in other jobs previously held only by men, and these women proved that they could do a “man’s job” and do it well; and,

WHEREAS, our Rosie of Fairfax, Mrs. Phyllis Gould, worked at the Kaiser Shipyards as a welder; and,

WHEREAS, these women broke gender and union barriers to serve their country and laid the foundation for future generations of women in the workforce today, also receiving “equal pay for equal work”; and,

WHEREAS, the Rosies serve as an inspiration to women and girls today;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax hereby declares that all the Rosie the Riveters and our Rosie of Fairfax, Mrs. Phyllis Gould, deserve our sincere gratitude and thanks for their extraordinary work to support the war efforts and to pave the way for future generations of women entering the workforce; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax hereby declares that a plaque shall be installed in their honor in our Women's Club to serve as a memorialization of their achievements in gender equity and pay, their patriotism, and to ensure that future generations will not forget their extraordinary sacrifices and service to our Country.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 3rd day of June 2015, by the following votes, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Barbara Coler, Mayor

Attest:

Michele Gardner, Town Clerk