

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-42

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF MARTHA SWASEY
AND RECOGNIZING HER LEGACY TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL
MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE AND ITS CITIZENS.

WHEREAS, Martha Swasey was born in Dayton, Tennessee, she was reared in a house across the street from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro where her father taught and where she returned for post-graduate study after earning BS and MA degrees from George Peabody College; and,

WHEREAS, Martha was gifted with boundless energy, determination and a love of learning and teaching that led her to a career of almost sixty (60) years wherein she founded, organized, inspired, and directed programs by teaching and coaching gymnastics, soccer, trampoline, golf, tennis, swimming, badminton, archery, basketball, track, softball, fencing, field hockey, archery, racquetball, volleyball, ping-pong, horseback riding, boating, fishing, water skiing, snow skiing, ice skating, Para-sailing, hang-gliding, theatre, and modern dance; and,

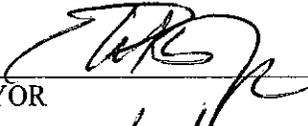
WHEREAS, Martha was a pioneer who served as the first Recreation Director for the City of Murfreesboro, designed and improved physical education curriculum at Tennessee College for Women, the Oak Ridge Public Schools, Duke University, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, the Central YMCA, and the University of the South; and,

WHEREAS, Martha's knowledge and skill were recognized by the U. S. State Department, which requested her to become a Partner of the Americas to hold clinics to promote gymnastics in Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Bahamas, Hawaii, and Jamaica where she met Daniel Gordon, a soccer player, whom she recruited to help organize Signal Mountain's first soccer leagues; and,

WHEREAS, Martha still found time to raise a family, earn a pilot's license, excel as a Senior Olympian, and attend almost every estate sale in the area in search of treasures to sell in her antique booth; and,

WHEREAS, Martha is remembered in the Town as the founder of the award-winning Signal School of Physical Education and by her fencing students, who parried and thrust to "Capture the Bridge" at the entrance to the Town gym, ultimately organizing into the Chattanooga Fencing Club, still the largest of its kind in the southeast;

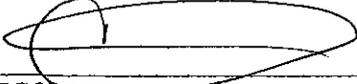
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TENNESSEE honors the memory and recognizes the legacy of Martha Swasey, the widow of Allan Vincent Swasey, her hunting, fishing, and dancing partner of 46 years, and children: Patricia Jordan, Allan Vincent Swasey, Jr., Dorothy Brewer, and six grandchildren.



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