

**COMMENDING
ALFREDA MARIE SMALL-AKOGNON**

WHEREAS, Alfreda Marie Small-Akognon has spent a lifetime tending to the needs of the people of the Village Baptist Church and the community of Marin City; and

WHEREAS, Alfreda is the daughter of Reverend Fred Small and his wife, Cleola Small, who reside in Marin City; and

WHEREAS, Alfreda Small-Akognon has been writing and singing liturgical music since she was 12 years old, and her lyrics and singing voice have inspired legions of church audiences; and

WHEREAS, Alfreda Small-Akognon has been married to the Reverend Dr. Emmanuel Akognon for 23 years, and together they have raised 3 wonderful children -- Shola, Joshua and Shonte; and

WHEREAS, Alfreda Small-Akognon has been an active member of the Village Baptist Church for 23 years. In addition, she serves as the Music Minister of the church and is a gospel music recording artist; and

WHEREAS, in her busy life ministering to the community in her own right, Alfreda Small-Akognon earned an Associates Degree from the College of Marin and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies from the Southern Marin Bible Institute, a project of the Village Baptist Church. Furthermore, Alfreda Small-Akognon owns and operates a childcare center, nurturing the smallest, most precious young members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate and thank Alfreda Marie Small-Akognon for her dedicated service to the Village Baptist Church, the people of Marin City, and the residents of the County of Marin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 8th day of June, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Susan L. Adams, Harold C. Brown, Jr., Annette Rose,
Cynthia L. Murray, Steve Kinsey

NOES: SUPERVISORS None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS None