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RESOLUTION NO. 08-75

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL THANKING
JEWEL OKAWACHI FOR HER EIGHT (8) YEARS OF SERVICE ON
THE CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Jewel Okawachi was elected to the City Council in 2000 and re-elected in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Jewel Okawachi was appointed to serve as Mayor of the City in 2002; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the City Council Jewel Okawachi has served on numerous City and County Boards, including the City’s Pension Board, the Library Board, and Waste Management Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Jewel Okawachi has always been a community advocate and before her tenure on the City Council she was a member of the Waterfront Committee in 1986 and a member of the Park & Recreation Commission in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Jewel Okawachi has been named Citizen of the Year and during Albany’s Centennial was Grand Marshal for the Solano Avenue Stroll; and

WHEREAS, Jewel Okawachi has volunteered her time to the City of Albany and has served on many organizations, including Albany Education Foundation, Police Activities League, City’s Youth Task Force, Prevention Council, Drug & Alcohol Task Force, Little League, Boy Scouts, the first Teen Center, Albany High School Track & Field, Athletic Boosters, Albany Community Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Solano Avenue Association, Albany Historical Society, Friends of the Albany Library, Friends of the Albany Seniors and Soroptimist International.

1 **WHEREAS**, Jewel Okawachi has been a life long resident of Albany and
2 still lives in the house that she grew up in; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Jewel Okawachi and her family were in an internment camp
4 in Arizona during World War II, while her brother Taka Nishi served and gave his
5 life fighting for this country; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Jewel Okawachi graduated from Albany High School in 1946
7 and raised three (3) boys David, Stan and Mark all Albany High graduates; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Jewel Okawachi owned her own business D&S Composing
9 Service in Albany until she retired;

10 **WHEREAS**, Jewel Okawachi is an avid dog walker and walks three (3)
11 miles every day using the City parks, especially Terrace Park and the Waterfront.

12 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council, on behalf of
13 the Albany residents, do hereby thank Jewel Okawachi for her service on the City
14 Council and her work on numerous volunteer organizations.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council
16 wish Jewel many happy years, as she retires from public office.

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21 Council Member

Farid Javandel
Council Member

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24 Robert S. Lieber
25 Mayor

Joanne Wile
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