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## ***COUNTY MOURNS THE PASSING OF FORMER LONG TIME MENDOCINO COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER, VIOLA RICHARDSON***

County officials have announced the passing of former Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder, Viola Richardson, at the age of 85.

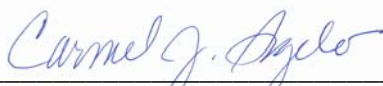
*"She was a real firecracker and knew everything there was to know about the County back in the day,"* stated John Pinches, 3rd District Supervisor and Chair of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

Viola served the people of Mendocino County for 29 years. She first joined the County in December, 1953 in the entry level position of Deputy Recorder. She was first elected County Recorder in 1963, and again in 1967 as County Clerk/Recorder. Viola was re-elected for three consecutive terms before retiring from service in 1983. Upon her retirement, Viola was recognized for her years of dedicated service from the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and organizations such as the County Clerk's Association of California, the County Recorder's Association of the State of California, the Northern Area Clerk's Association, the California Jury Commissioners Association, and the California State Association of Local Elected Officials.

*"Vi never had a bad word to say about anyone and she was all about serving the public,"* added Marsha Wharff, former Mendocino County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder.

Flags at County facilities have been lowered to half-staff to honor and pay respect to Viola and her family. Private services are being arranged with a celebration of life to be held at a later date. For additional information, please contact the Mendocino County Executive Office at 707.463.4441.

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