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NACRC ESTABLISHES FRERICHS-MENDOZA SCHOLARSHIP

April 25 2013 – Phoenix, AZ This past March NACRC (National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks) established the NACRC Scholarship Award in honor of Barbara Frerichs-Mendoza. According to NACRC Scholarship Chairman Larry Burtness, “There was no question by the Board of the appropriateness of the recommendation and we are pleased to announce it was accepted.” She joined the Recorder’s Office in September 1973 and from that point, “became the central figure of the office,” according to County Recorder Helen Purcell. Purcell received word in early April that the Board had met in March to initially consider the recommendation to name the NACRC Scholarship Award in Barbara’s honor.

When asked, County Recorder Purcell was quoted, “Barbara was crucial in transitioning the Recorder’s Office to an automated system from a manual, paper-based system. It was she who helped change the employee mind-set from solely paper recording to electronic recording. It was she who envisioned the remote electronic-recording kiosks that allows residents to publicly record documents without driving to the Recorder’s downtown Phoenix office. And it was she who initiated Project REDCAP (Recorder’s and Elections Document Conversion Archival Project) taking over 61 million historical documents, refining the data and the image, and archiving those images for posterity.”

Presently there are recording kiosks located in Anthem, town of Fountain Hills, town of Queen Creek, city of Surprise and the library in the White Tank area.

Barbara was recognized by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors for her “dedicated years of service to the County Recorder’s Office and the citizens of Maricopa County.” She will also be recognized for her service to the county at the Pillars of Honor ceremony this coming June.