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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Laura Pappani, County Librarian**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the formal naming of the amphitheater located next to the Madelyn Helling Library at 980 Helling Way, Nevada City, California, as the Marian E. Gallaher, M.D., Amphitheater

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution

FUNDING: There are no costs associated with this Resolution

BACKGROUND: In 2013, longtime volunteer and library supporter Jacquelyn F. Wilson donated \$40,000 to the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries. \$30,000 of the donation was designated to partially fund the construction of an outdoor amphitheater at the side of the Madelyn Helling Library. This donation was accepted by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors on May 27, 2014, in Resolution 14-115. Ms. Wilson requested that the amphitheater be named after her late friend, Dr. Marian E. Gallaher, who was a renowned pediatric cardiologist, as well as a fan of, and participant in, the performing and visual arts.

Dr. Gallaher lived in Nevada County from 1984 until her death in 2013. She served on the board of directors of Music in the Mountains and sang in the Festival Chorale. Dr. Gallaher also held leadership roles with the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters of Western Nevada County.

As an expert in diagnosing heart defects in small children, Dr. Gallaher cared deeply for children, who are anticipated to be the primary users of the amphitheater. She also cared deeply for Nevada County and for the arts, as evidenced by her participation in the fabric of our community. She is a worthy namesake for the amphitheater. This resolution will honor her service and legacy, as well as Ms. Wilson's request.

The Capital Facilities Subcommittee reviewed this naming request at their meeting held on January 3, 2017, and approved the forwarding of the request to the Board of Supervisors.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Laura Pappani, County Librarian