



Assembly Member **SANDRÉ SWANSON**

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State Assembly Adjourns In Memory Of Mother Wright

(Sacramento) – Assemblymember Sandré R. Swanson (D-Alameda) requested that the California State Assembly adjourn today in the memory of Mary Ann Wright, known as Mother Wright to most. Assemblymember Swanson spoke in honor of her life on the Assembly floor:

“It is with a heavy heart that I adjourn in memory of Mary Ann Wright, known as Mother Wright. For nearly 30 years, whether distributing food at a shelter, or beneath an overpass, Mother Wright always delivered it “with dignity”, sometimes spreading out a table cloth, or simply wrapping the forks in napkins. Through these small acts of consideration, Mother Wright always acknowledged and respected the fundamental humanity that she shared with those she helped.

Throughout her work, Mother Wright has been recognized locally and nationally. In 2005, she was inducted into the Hall of Fame for Caring Americans in Washington, DC. She came into contact with famous individuals, and was invited to numerous presidential inaugurations. And yet, she always remained modest, focusing on all of the work that still lay ahead of her.

Her passing is a difficult loss for our community and indeed our entire nation. However, her work and her example ensures that she will continue to live on, both through those she has helped, and through those she has inspired to the same noble calling.”

Mother Wright is survived by 10 children, 33 grandchildren, and 37 great-grandchildren. 2 sons preceded her in death.

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