

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

COMMENDATION

Whereas: Dorothy Webb was born in North Dakota, and moved with her mother, Inez, and her brother, Donald, to Nevada when she was 5 years old, growing up during the Great Depression; and

Whereas: Dorothy met and married Commander Arthur J. Webb in 1951, and they lived in Japan for several years in the early 1950s, where she became lifelong friends with a Japanese woman who visited Dorothy as recently as last summer; and

Whereas: Dorothy and Arthur raised three daughters, and in 1960, Arthur retired from the Navy, and the family moved to Bellevue, where they joined the Episcopal Church; and

Whereas: Dorothy began a career in real estate and soon became a leader in her profession in the Bellevue area, and in 1982 she was elected as Director of the Puget Sound Multiple Listings Board; and

Whereas: Dorothy and Arthur became leaders in the Bellevue Sister Cities Association, and officially represented Bellevue on their many international trips, hosted dozens of exchange students, helped establish sister cities, and in 2003, were named Bellevue's International Ambassadors; and

Whereas: Although Arthur passed in 2006, Dorothy continued to reside in Bellevue until 2010, when Dorothy moved to Federal Way to be near family; and

Whereas: Dorothy was an ambassador for cross-cultural understanding and played a major leadership role in the Bellevue Sister City Association, where she served for many years, including as the Association President; and

Whereas: Dorothy will long be remembered for her commitment, compassion, leadership, and hard work to foster cross-cultural relationships.

Now, therefore, I, Claudia Balducci, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do this 3rd day of August, in the year 2015, hereby commend:

Dorothy Webb

for her leadership, dedication, and service to the Bellevue Sister City Association and to the community, which provides an example for others to emulate and demonstrates the difference that one individual can make.

Claudia Balducci
Mayor