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Members of the California State Legislature,

This is a letter to honor and recognize a California heroine who spent her life assisting others, especially those in need of health, education, and legal support. Alba Witkin touched many lives throughout her life, and all of our state's citizens gained from her work and her example. She began assisting Japanese-American youth following World War II, and continued serving families, children, and the institutions that work on their behalf until her death on December 26, 2014.

Ms. Witkin's involvement in numerous public and philanthropic boards, commissions, and advisory committees ranged from civil rights to community health, youth law, early education, and beautification of our parks, including the National Peace Garden in Washington D.C. All of her focus centered on social justice and promotion of a healthy, educated, and peaceful world.

The Early Care and Education community is grateful for Alba's wise, insightful, and dedicated attention to children's needs. Over the years, the Witkin Foundation has supported – and continues to support – many early education centers and professional education programs for teachers. More importantly, we benefit from her personal and professional recognition of how our work supports the goal of creating a healthy, nurtured, and educated population.

It is with incalculable appreciation that we celebrate the life of Alba Witkin.

Approved by the Alameda County Early Care & Education Planning Council on its January 23, 2015 meeting.

Yours Very Truly,

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair
Alameda County Early Care & Education Planning Council