



CALIFORNIA SENATE

# RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Scott D. Wiener, 11th Senatorial District;  
Relative to Commending

## *Conard House*

**WHEREAS**, In 1959, an unmet need for a transitional residence for people recovering their mental health and returning to San Francisco from the state mental hospital inspired local social worker Elaine Mikels to take action to meet that need; and

**WHEREAS**, In early 1960, Elaine Mikels had founded and opened the doors to the first 25 residents of Conard House, San Francisco's first psychiatric "half-way house," named in honor of her social work mentor, Conard Rheiner; and

**WHEREAS**, By 1963, a new unmet need emerged among Conard House graduates, namely, a need for permanent community housing and employment, which led Elaine's successors to develop cooperative apartments in San Francisco's residential neighborhoods and vocational training programs with connections to San Francisco employers; and

**WHEREAS**, In the years that followed, Conard House core services--specialty mental health, permanent supportive housing, employment, and money management--have flourished as strategic resources for social rehabilitation and recovery for San Francisco residents, normalizing the lives of over 1,400 persons each day of every year; and

**WHEREAS**, The Conard House Board of Directors designated May 7, 2020, for a special event to celebrate and commemorate the organization's sixtieth anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, There has since been a declaration of a public health emergency by the State of California and the City and County of San Francisco that prohibits public gatherings, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Conard House, as a result, has been required to officially cancel planned public events commemorating and celebrating its sixtieth anniversary; now, therefore, be it

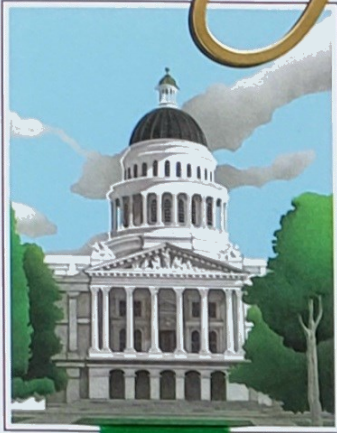
**RESOLVED BY SENATOR SCOTT D. WIENER**, That he recognizes Conard House for 60 years of pioneering contributions to community mental health, psychosocial rehabilitation, and recovery services; congratulates its residents and clients on their recovery and reentry into the life of the San Francisco community; and commends the hundreds of professional staff and volunteers of Conard House from 1960 to the present for their personal commitment to empowering people and restoring hope for San Franciscans who have experienced psychological or social adversity.

Members Resolution No. 279  
Dated this 1st day of October, 2020.

Honorable Scott D. Wiener  
11th Senatorial District



# Assembly



## R E S O L U T I O N

By the Honorable David Chiu, 17th Assembly District; and  
the Honorable Scott D. Wiener, 11th Senatorial District; Relative to commending

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Members Resolution No. 851

Dated this 1st day of October, 2020

  
Honorable David Chiu  
17th Assembly District

  
Honorable Scott D. Wiener  
11th Senatorial District





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City and County of San Francisco

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of San Francisco traditionally recognizes organizations which have made significant and remarkable contributions to the vitality of our City, and the incredible work of Conard House, which is celebrating six decades in service to the community, truly represents San Francisco values at their best; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1960 by Elaine Mikels to offer transitional residences for people recovering from their mental health, Conard House was opened to meet the needs of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Conard House's mission is to "build welcoming communities and caring relationships that empower people and restore hope"; and

**WHEREAS**, Conard House serves our most vulnerable communities through providing critical services including supportive housing, health navigation service, vocational training and social services in inclusive and respectful ways; and

**WHEREAS**, keeping the core of their mission in mind, and as a further testament of Conard House's unwavering commitment in uplifting others, its devoted staff and volunteers work to empower people and restore hope to San Franciscans who are in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Conard House is an irreplaceable part of our City, and its endless dedication to provide critical resources to our City deserves a grand celebration; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, London N. Breed, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, in recognition of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Conard House, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2020 as...

## CONARD HOUSE DAY

*...in San Francisco!*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.*

  
London N. Breed  
Mayor