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MAYOR GLORIA, COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL, CITY STAFF TO RENAME TECOLOTE ROAD IN HONOR OF ELOISE BATTLE

SAN DIEGO – Today, Mayor Todd Gloria, Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, and several members of the community unveiled an honorary street sign for "Eloise Battle Boulevard" on Tecolote Road, at the intersection of Tecolote Road and Morena Boulevard. Eloise Battle was widely considered the "Savior of Tecolote Canyon" as she led a ten-year fight to preserve the canyon in the 1960s. On April 1, 1978, Tecolote Canyon Natural Park officially became San Diego's first dedicated open space natural park.

"I am delighted to unveil the honorary street sign in recognition of Eloise Battle, the 'Savior of Tecolote Canyon,' who shared her love of the Canyon with all who visited," said Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, who represents District 2, including the Bay Park community where the newly-renamed Eloise Battle Boulevard is located. "From now on, every time we drive to and from the Tecolote Canyon Nature Center we will see this wonderful sign that reminds us of Eloise, and her legacy will live on for generations."

Ms. Battle's leadership was instrumental in securing the funding necessary to build the Tecolote Canyon Nature Center, which now offers visitors a variety of educational and recreational opportunities. Additionally, she led the efforts to create the Tecolote Canyon Open Space Park Master Plan. Her passion for wildlife and Tecolote Canyon was immense, and through her work she was able to share her fondness with all who visited Tecolote Canyon.



"Renaming this street in honor of Eloise Battle is more than a tribute – it's a permanent reminder of the incredible impact one person can have on a city," said Councilmember Raul Campillo, who represents District 7 and parts of Tecolote Canyon along with Councilmember Campbell. "Eloise was the heart and soul of Tecolote Canyon. Her tireless advocacy, leadership, and vision preserved one of San Diego's most treasured natural spaces for generations to come. This sign will stand as a symbol of her legacy – not just as the 'Savior of Tecolote Canyon' but as a teacher, a leader, and a beloved member of our community."

Attendees of today's event included members of the Clairemont Town Council, members of the Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee, San Diego Park Rangers from the Tecolote Canyon Nature Center, and friends and family of Ms. Battle. Her son, Adrian, officially unveiled the honorary street sign on Tecolote Road.

A video recording of the full event can be found <u>HERE</u>.

Councilmember Jennifer Campbell represents District 2 communities, which include Clairemont, Mission Beach, Mission Bay Park, Old Town, Midway, Ocean Beach, and Point Loma. ###

