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Assemblyman Flora Names Jenny Kenoyer 2019 Woman of the Year

PRESS PHOTOS – Photos of today’s Capitol ceremony can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

SACRAMENTO – Assemblyman Heath Flora, R-Ripon, today honored Modesto City Councilmember Jenny Kenoyer as the 2019 Woman of the Year for the 12th Assembly District.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this official recognition from the State Assembly," said Jenny Kenoyer, Modesto City Councilmember. "I’ve spent my life helping people and serving my community. It was so inspiring to share this day with other women from around the state who have made a difference in their own communities."

Jenny Kenoyer was born in Patterson and moved to Modesto at the age of five, where she has lived ever since. She graduated from Modesto High School in 1953 and was elected as the school’s first female Yell Leader.

Kenoyer graduated from San Jose School of Nursing and attended San Jose State University. Her first career was as a Registered Nurse. She retired after 48 years. She was blessed with five children, all of whom also graduated from Modesto High School.

In 1972 Kenoyer’s early political life started with leading a campaign to have the canals around city schools fenced, and in 2013 she was elected to the Modesto City Council where she still serves to this day.

Councilmember Kenoyer is affiliated with numerous organizations including the American Legion Auxiliary, Stanislaus Commission on Aging, Stanislaus Senior Foundation, Democratic Women’s Club, Lazarus Ministry, MOVE and Catholic Professional and Business Club.

Councilmember Kenoyer has been appointed, over the years, as Vice Mayor for 2019, Safety and Communities Committee Vice Chair, Appointments Committee member, City-County Liaison member, Citizen Housing and Community Development chairman, City’s RDA Successor Agency/Stanislaus County member, Housing Rehabilitation Loan chairman, San Joaquin County Air Pollution Control Board-Special City Selection alternate, StanCOG Policy Board/Executive Board, Stanislaus County Waste to Energy JPA member and Tuolumne River Regional Park chairman.

Additionally, Councilmember Kenoyer has received many awards, including the San Joaquin Valley Fall Policy Conference Award of Merit 2010, Latino Community Roundtable Latino of the Year 2013, California Transportation Foundation Transportation Awards Public Outreach Project of the Year Measure L Education Campaign 2017, Latino Emergency Council President's Award 2017 and Central Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Community Champion 2019.

Each year as part of Women's History Month, members of the State Assembly choose an outstanding woman to honor as Woman of the Year. Started in 1987, the Woman of the Year Award has become an annual celebration of community service and outstanding contributions by women in California.

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Assemblyman Heath Flora represents the 12th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Denair, Empire, Escalon, Farmington, Hickman, Hughson, Keyes, Lathrop, Linden, Lockeford, Manteca, Modesto, Oakdale, Ripon, Riverbank, Salida, Turlock, Victor, and Waterford.

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