

Resolution in Honor of Dr. Joseph H. Arnold, Jr.

Whereas Dr. Joseph H. Arnold, Jr., Dean of the College of the Arts, in the hereafter referred to as Joe, joined the CSUF family in 1973 as a faculty member of the Theatre and Dance Department; and

Whereas Joe served as Vice-Chair and Chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, the Director of the university's Institute for the Advancement of Learning, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts; and

Whereas Joe was honored as the 1993 Distinguished Professor of the College of the Arts; and

Whereas in addition to administrative duties, Joe directed "The Manager" by Darin Shaugnessy and "Grasmere" by Cal State Fullerton alumna Kristina A Leach where both productions were selected for performance at the regional American College Theatre Festival and the national Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas Joe never met a pet he didn't like, he and his wife own dogs, cats, rabbits, tortoises and the occasional white rat; and

Whereas in 2001, Joe accompanied a group of 15 master of fine arts candidates to Russia, where they participated in the Russian Theatre Discovery Projects; and

Whereas Joe has collaborated on several plays about famous American authors, including Dorothy Parker, H.L. Mencken, Sinclair Lewis and Ring Lardner; and

Whereas Joe co-founded the Playwright-in-Residence program for CSU Summer Arts with playwright Edward Albee; and

Whereas Joe served as a board member for a variety of organizations, including the Orange County Black Actors Theatre, Poets Reading, Inc., The Gascon Theatre, Los Angeles, the José Quintero Foundation for the Performing Arts and the Orange County High School for the Arts; and

Whereas the 6 year graduation rate for the last 4 cohorts of first-time full-time freshman in the College of the Arts has increased from 44.2% to 53.7% on Joe's watch; and

Whereas additionally, the 6 year graduation rates gap between underrepresented and non-underrepresented students in the College of the Arts has narrowed over the past four years from 12.7% to 10.6% on Joe's watch; and

Whereas Joe wrote portions of this resolution as part of his own autobiography; be it therefore

Resolved that the Academic Senate thank Dr. Arnold for his support of things Academic Senate and his service as member of Academic Senate; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate wishes Dr. Arnold enjoy retirement at house in Placentia; it finally

Resolved that the Academic Senate recommends to the President and the Provost the conferral of Emeritus status upon Dr. Arnold effective upon his retirement.

Respectfully Submitted

Academic Senate Executive Committee, The Academic Senate, CSU Fullerton

Read by Chair Walker at the A.S. Marathon meeting 5-15-14