



Resolution in Honor of President Mildred García

Whereas President Mildred García, hereinafter referred to as President García, joined the CSUF family in 2012 as the Cal State University system's first Latina President; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure as President, Dr. García earned a reputation for being one of the strongest advocates for public higher education; and

WHEREAS, President García's commitment to student success epitomizes the campus values of access and success for all students; and

WHEREAS, within a year of her arrival, President García created the institution's first division of Human Resources, Diversity and Inclusion; and approved the hiring of 150 new tenure-track faculty members; and

WHEREAS, within the first year of President García's presidency, the university completed the institution's first University-wide strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, under President García's leadership, the university's six-year graduation rates for first-time freshmen improved 30% (from 51% to 67%); and

WHEREAS, during President García's tenure, the university's four-year graduation rates for first-time freshmen improved 61% (from 14% to 22.6%); and

WHEREAS, since President García's arrival, the university cut the achievement gap for first-time freshmen in half (from 12% to 6%) and saw the elimination of the achievement gap for transfer students (from 6% to 0%); and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at CSUF, President Garcia has been an active participant in shared governance, notably responding to all Academic Senate Documents forwarded to her within 30 days; and

WHEREAS, President García's administration has inspired donors with a near tripling of annual total new gift commitments, from \$8.5 million (2012-2013) to more than \$22 million (2015-2016), the receipt of \$20 million plus in annual total new gift commitments for the first time in University history (2015-16 and 2016-17); and the garnering of the highest number of individual, alumni, and parent donors in University history; and

WHEREAS, During President García's tenure our Athletic team or individuals had over forty post-season appearances and 14 conference or tournament championships; and

WHEREAS, President García has been unstinting in her support for CSUF community members – faculty, staff and students – covered by DACA and for the Dreamers and the Dreamers center; and

CONSIDERANDO que la Dra. Mildred García ha sido la primera presidente de California State University, Fullerton que es bilingüe y habla español y

WHEREAS, President García was selected by the American Council of Education for the 2017 Reginald Wilson Diversity Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, President García was selected by the National Hispanic Business Women Association as the 2014 Business Women of the Year Honoree; and

WHEREAS, President García loves to salsa dance and does not dance enough and danced at all “Concert Under the Stars” events; and

THEREFORE BE IT:

Resolved that the Academic Senate thank President García for her commitment to California State University, Fullerton and her support of the Academic Senate; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate recommend President Garcia be granted California State University, Fullerton Emerita status; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate wish President García success, happiness and fulfillment in this next stage of her career; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate extend to President García a standing invitation to attend a Senate meeting whenever she is in town.

Respectfully Submitted

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