

A Resolution Recognizing and Thanking President Mildred García

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WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton (CSU Fullerton); and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by the ASI Board of Directors who set policy for the organization, approve all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocate on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, President Mildred García became President of California State University, Fullerton on June 1, 2012;¹ and

WHEREAS, President Mildred García implemented the University's first strategic plan in 2013;² and

WHEREAS, "Under President Mildred García's leadership, the University has seen a 30 percent improvement in six-year graduation rates and a 65 percent improvement in four-year graduation rates for first-time freshmen, the achievement gap was eliminated for transfer students and cut in half for first-time freshmen, and annual philanthropic gift commitments nearly tripled from \$8.5 million to \$22 million. CSU Fullerton is No. 1 in California and second in the nation in awarding bachelor's degrees to Hispanics, as well as fifth in the nation in graduating students of color;" and

WHEREAS, President Mildred García received the NASPA Region VI President's Award which is awarded to university presidents who have shown excellence by consistently advancing the quality of student life on campus by supporting student affairs and programs;⁴ and

WHEREAS, President Mildred García has presided over the largest number of degrees ever awarded in a single year, as well as the largest enrollment in the University's history;⁵ and

¹ http://news.fullerton.edu/2017fa/Garcia-Appointed-AASCU-President.aspx

² http://news.fullerton.edu/2017fa/Garcia-Appointed-AASCU-President.aspx

³ http://news.fullerton.edu/2017fa/Garcia-Appointed-AASCU-President.aspx

⁴ http://news.fullerton.edu/2016fa/naspa-presidents-award.aspx

⁵ http://news.fullerton.edu/2017fa/Garcia-Appointed-AASCU-President.aspx

WHEREAS, President Mildred García was appointed by former President Barack Obama to serve on the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics;⁶ and the U.S. Secretary of Defense to serve on Air University's Board of Visitors; and the U.S. Secretary of Education to serve on the Committee on Measures of Student Success;⁷ and

WHEREAS, President Mildred García serves on a variety of local and national boards, including the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities;⁸ and

WHEREAS, President Mildred García will leave California State University, Fullerton and become President of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities on January 22, 2018;⁹ and

WHEREAS, the ASI Board of Directors may elect any person, by a majority vote, to honorary life membership, in recognition of, and appreciation for, unselfish service and assistance rendered to ASI;¹⁰ and therefore let it be

RESOLVED, ASI recognizes President Mildred García with honorary life membership of ASI at California State University, Fullerton; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI thanks President Mildred García for her time, and accomplishments, as President of California State University, Fullerton; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the following campus departments, divisions, and/or entities for their consideration: Office of the President, the President's Cabinet, the President's Advisory Board, Office of the Provost, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Office of the Dean of Students, Division of Human Resources, Diversity and Inclusion, and the Academic Senate.

Nicholas Jakel Chair, Board of Directors

Jesse Ródriguez

Vice Chair/Secretary, Board of Directors

Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., President/CEO, does hereby [📈] approve / [🔝] refuse to approve this resolution.

Laila Dadabhoy

ASI President/CEO

Date

⁶ http://news.fullerton.edu/2017fa/Garcia-Appointed-AASCU-President.aspx

⁷ http://president.fullerton.edu/bio/

⁸ http://news.fullerton.edu/2017fa/Garcia-Appointed-AASCU-President.aspx

http://news.fullerton.edu/2017fa/Garcia-Appointed-AASCU-President.aspx

¹⁰ http://asi.fullerton.edu/downloads/government/Bylaws.pdf