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SS-S15-4, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley for Her Service to the Senate and University

Legislative History: At its meeting of May 11, 2015, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Chair Heiden and the Executive Committee.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
Honoring and Thanking Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley for Her Service to
the Senate and University**

- Whereas Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley has devoted 35 years of her professional life to San José State University; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley has always been a champion for bilingual education; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley’s leadership of the bilingual credential program, her presentations, and her publications have been recognized on the local State and national level for their excellence; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley has been a tireless champion for social justice, inclusion, educational access and equity; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley has served the University on numerous committees, task forces, and search committees; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley has chaired the Curriculum and Research Committee of the SJSU Academic Senate; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley has served continuously on the SJSU Academic Senate for 18 years; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley served as the Chair of the SJSU Academic Senate from 2006-2008, during which time she exhibited unusually high standards for judgment, ethical behavior, fairness, honesty, integrity, deliberative leadership, effective communication and close consultation with stakeholders; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley has served on the CSU Statewide Senate continuously since AY 2008/09; and

- Whereas Dr. Judith-Lessow Hurley has encouraged and mentored faculty to engage in the SJSU Academic Senate and take leadership positions; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith-Lessow Hurley has never been shy about expressing her opinions and beliefs and has always improved the quality of Senate debate; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith-Lessow Hurley received SJSU's Distinguished Service Award in 2009, the highest honor the University bestows upon faculty for "exemplary service in a leadership capacity to the University"; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith-Lessow Hurley possess a *joie de vivre* which involves frequent enjoyment of opera, Shakespeare, fine dining, and international travel; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith-Lessow Hurley also enjoys long, peaceful walks with Michael and Honjo, and now will have unlimited opportunities for those; and
- Whereas Dr. Judith-Lessow Hurley's spirit will forever permeate the Academic Senate; therefore be it
- Resolved that the Academic Senate and San José State University, congratulate, thank and commend Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley on her legacy of accomplishments; be it further
- Resolved that the Academic Senate and San José State University wish Dr. Judith-Lessow Hurley peace, well-being, and many years of joy and adventure upon her retirement.

Approved: May 6, 2015
Vote: 14-0-0
Present: Qayoumi, Feinstein, Terry, Larochelle, Miller, Kimbarow, Frazier, Peter, Shifflett, Brada-Williams, Backer, Grosvenor, Sabalius, Heiden
Absent: None