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RESOLUTION #5002

Celebration of Ontiveros' 45 Years of Service to Colorado State University

WRITTEN BY: Christian Dykson, 50th Speaker of ASCSU Senate

COLLABORATED WITH: Hannah Taylor, ASCSU President; Noah Schindler, ASCSU Vice-President; Peyton Dailey, ASCSU Chief Justice; Jasper Sloss, ASCSU Chief of Staff; Clayton Paull, ASCSU Deputy Chief of Staff; Tristan Reyez, ASCSU Speaker Pro Tempore; Ryan Kropp, ASCSU Recruitment and Retention Officer.

ENDORSED BY: Lizzy Osterhoudt, Senator, Native American Cultural Center; Diego Tovar, President of Warner College Council; Gemma Buhaenko, Chair of Budgetary Affairs Committee; Benton Roesler, Chair of University Affairs Committee; Swetha Varadarajan, Senator, Graduate Student Council; Brandon Lowry, Senator, Pride Resource Center; Isaiah Dennings, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Miles Robinson, Senator, Student Disability Center; Kevin Clark, ASCSU Parliamentarian; Jaquikayah Fields, Senator, WGAC;

ABSTRACT: A resolution to recognize Vice President Mary Ontiveros for 45 years of service to Colorado State University and a career spent fighting for social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion within the CSU community.

WHEREAS

Vice President for Diversity Mary Ontiveros began her journey at CSU as a student in 1969, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, while also serving in ASCSU; and,

WHEREAS

Ontiveros began her professional career at CSU in 1974, and has served in a variety of roles, some of which include Research Associate, Director of the Chicano Studies Office, Executive Director of Admissions, Director of El Centro, and Vice-President for Diversity; and,

WHEREAS

In her time at CSU, Ontiveros has played a pivotal role in supporting the Student Diversity Programs and Services (SDPS) offices, and is widely credited for being one of the founders of CSU's Principles of Community: Inclusion, Integrity, Respect, Service, Social Justice; and,

WHEREAS

Ontiveros is a figurehead who is paving the way for marginalized students and voices to become visible on campus. She has also played an active role in combating institutional racism; and,

WHEREAS

Ontiveros has centered her 45-year career around fighting for equity, justice, and diversity within our CSU community, she embodies the Principles of Community, and she continues to inspire those who are lucky enough to know her; and,

WHEREAS

Vice President for Enrollment and Access Leslie Taylor praised Ontiveros for her "vast knowledge and experience, her calm demeanor [...] and her fierce tenacity to make things better," which, in Taylor's words, "has impacted every campus in Colorado;" so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University celebrate and recognize Mary Ontiveros for 45 years of service to Colorado State University; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University formally establish December 31 as Mary Ontiveros Day out of heartfelt gratitude for the permanent impact Mary Ontiveros has had within the culture of CSU; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That this resolution remain in the Active Statutes of ASCSU indefinitely; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Vice President for Diversity Mary Ontiveros, CSU President Joyce McConnell, Vice President for Student Affairs Blanche Hughes, CSU Chancellor Tony Frank, ASCSU President Hannah Taylor, ASCSU Vice-President Noah Schindler, ASCSU Chief Justice Peyton Dailey, Housing and Dining Executive Director Mari Strombom, Associate Dean of Students Craig Chesson, Fort Collins Mayor Wade Troxell, El Centro Director Dora Frias, LSC Executive Director Mike Ellis, Campus Activities Coordinator Ali Raza, SLICE Interim Director Jen Johnson, Rams Against Hunger Coordinator Michael Buttrum, LSC Associate Director Pamela Norris, RHA President Emery Jenkins, Provost and Executive VP

Mary Pedersen, VP for University Operations Lynn Johnson, President of CSU Foundation Cheri E. O'Neill, CSU Boettcher Scholar Janaye Matthews,

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Source #1: <https://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/education/2020/11/01/mary-ontiveros-built-legacy-inclusion-her-5-decades-csu-diversity/6042380002/>

Source #2:

<https://collegian.com/2020/10/category-news-csus-mary-ontiveros-to-retire-after-45-years-as-vice-president-for-diversity/>