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A Resolution to Honor and Commend President Willie J. Hagan's Leadership and Service at California State University, Dominguez Hills

WHEREAS: Dr. Willie J. Hagan joined the Dominguez Hills Toro family in 2012 as our tenth President; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan nurtured an environment of interdisciplinary creativity and inclusion, as reflected in the ["America Happens Here" campaign](#); and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan's optimistic determination led the campus to set ambitious goals for improving student success, and his willingness to invest in faculty, staff, equity, and infrastructure led to significant progress in enrollment, retention, and graduation rates; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan invested in the development of excellent academic programs, including support for new and continuing accreditation; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan's creation of the [CSUDH Innovation Incubator](#) moves our students and community closer to the future; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan supported the implementation of new initiatives by sponsoring numerous task forces to research best practices on campus and in successful peer institutions; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan took a lead role in the CSU system by collaborating with the Academic Senate to establish the [Task Force to Recommend Best Practices for Non-Tenure-Track Instructional Faculty](#) to implement needed support for all faculty members to better serve our Mission and Strategic Plan for student success; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan's leadership was pivotal in establishing the President's Council on Diversity and Inclusion to strengthen student, staff, faculty, and administrators' experiences and opportunities as well as to attract, retain, graduate, and promote the most diverse campus membership; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan supported the educational aspirations of Dreamers at California State University, Dominguez Hills, through the opening of the [Toro Dreamers Success Center](#) and made available other educational resources and has joined the [President's Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration](#) to improve "how colleges and universities address immigration-related matters"; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan's demonstrated commitment to shared governance makes him a model for all CSU administrators, present and future; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan increased the transparency of the budgeting process by joining [opengov.com](#) and approving concrete changes to the University Budget Committee; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan's courage and tenacity challenged the persistent systemic underfunding of our university through the use of data-driven documentation of our success in serving our diverse student population and surrounding communities; and,

WHEREAS: President Hagan convincingly advocated for California State University, Dominguez Hills, before the Board of Trustees for campus capital improvement projects and was instrumental in the approval of two new academic buildings for the campus, including a state of the art Science building with mobile [Fab Labs](#) to improve students' science and math skills in the community; and,

WHEREAS: [California's Legislative Black Caucus and the California State Legislature](#) recognized and honored President Hagan for "his commitment to the advancement of higher learning and community growth; his devotion to numerous community causes and organizations; and his implementation of 'comprehensive initiatives that have solidified the university's national standing as a leading urban institution'"; and,

WHEREAS: The [U.S. House of Representatives](#) commended President Hagan "for his stellar service in higher education and tenure as president of California State University, Dominguez Hills"; and,

WHEREAS: The Academic Senate of California State University, Dominguez Hills, celebrates President Hagan's visionary leadership, and moreover, his collegial and amiable engagement of the campus community to work together to make ambitious goals a reality; thus, be it

RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH bestows its highest honors and commendations for President Willie J. Hagan's inspired leadership and service to California State University, Dominguez Hills and its surrounding community.