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**Resolution in Memory of Porfirio Sánchez**

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**Passed Unanimously by the Academic Senate on March 22, 2017**

**Whereas:** Professor Porfirio Sánchez served California State University Dominguez Hills with great distinction and commitment from 1970 - 1996; and

**Whereas** Professor Porfirio Sánchez was the founding director of the Mexican-American Studies Program and the Mexican American Studies Research Center in the early 1970s, and chairperson of the then Department of Foreign Languages in early 1980s, and

**Whereas** Professor Porfirio Sánchez was the recipient of the Lyle E. Gibson Dominguez Hills Distinguished Teacher award in 1976, and the CSU Board of Trustee Outstanding Professor Award in 1978; and

**Whereas** Professor Porfirio Sánchez worked with school districts to create programs and activities to adequately prepare teachers in bilingual education; and

**Whereas** Professor Porfirio Sánchez as a curricular innovator collaborated with fellow CSUDH instructors and programs in the then School of Education to enhance cultural content in teacher preparation; and

**Whereas** Professor Porfirio Sánchez, known for his candor, sincerity and sense of humor, was also a willing mentor to junior faculty, and a fiercely loyal friend, and a challenging yet inspiring instructor; and

**Whereas** Professor Porfirio Sánchez was an unrelenting fighter for academic freedom and a fierce defender of and advocate for disadvantaged and undocumented students and community members; and

**Whereas** Regrettably Professor Sanchez passed away February 13th, 2017; therefore be it,

**Resolved**: That the California State University, Dominguez Hills Academic Senate mourns the passing of beloved Professor Porfirio Sánchez, honors his contributions to our university and to the community, and extends condolences to his friends, family, and the students he inspired.

