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**SS-S20-9, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring  
Dr. Pamela Stacks**

**Legislative History:**

On May 11, 2020, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Shifflett from the floor of the Academic Senate.

**Sense of the Senate Resolution  
Honoring Dr. Pamela Stacks**

- Whereas: Dr. Pamela Stacks has served San José State University (SJSU) and the Academic Senate with integrity and distinction for more than 30 years; and
- Whereas: Dr. Pamela Stacks effectively served on the Academic Senate as a faculty representative and as a policy committee chair, and as an administration representative for Academic Affairs and the Council of Deans; and
- Whereas: When the Senate was unexpectedly left without an incoming Chair, Senator Stacks stepped forward to Chair the Senate while simultaneously chairing her department--an overwhelming task which she nevertheless discharged with aplomb, though no doubt at considerable cost to her sleeping schedule; and
- Whereas: Senate Chair Pamela Stacks led the Senate as the University navigated such controversies as the Joint Library proposal and faculty merit pay, and did so with grace, poise, and fairness; and
- Whereas: Dr. Pamela Stacks' steadfast support, encouragement, and mentorship of faculty, staff, students, and generations of senators and senate chairs has strengthened our collective community; and
- Whereas: Dr. Pamela Stacks has been supportive of faculty and their research over the course of their entire careers; and
- Whereas: Dr. Pamela Stacks has substantively raised the visibility of research scholarship and creative activities (RSCA) and has encouraged and supported faculty RSCA from across the methodological spectrum at SJSU; and
- Whereas: Dr. Pamela Stacks mixes the best of critical, constructive feedback with the most empathetic of ears; and

Whereas: Dr. Pamela Stacks can be relied upon to listen deeply before advising or commenting; and

Whereas: Among Dr. Pamela Stacks' defining qualities are her logical and rational approach to every issue; and

Whereas: Dr. Pamela Stacks has been a superlative colleague committed to the advancement of the entire SJSU institution; and

Whereas: Dr. Pamela Stacks' generosity, warmth, calm nature, and kind spirit have made the campus a gentler place over decades; therefore be it

Resolved That the SJSU Academic Senate honor and recognize Dr. Pamela Stacks for her service, dedication, and compassion for the SJSU community; and be it further

Resolved: That the Academic Senate looks forward to future collaborations with Dr. Pamela Stacks in areas of common interest and her ongoing contributions to the SJSU community for many years to come.