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**SS-S21-6, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and
Thanking Dr. Ravisha Mathur for Her Service to the Senate and
University**

Legislative History:

On May 10, 2021 the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator McKee from the floor of the Senate.

Sense of the Senate Resolution

**Honoring and Thanking Dr. Ravisha Mathur for Her
Service to the Senate and University**

- Whereas** Dr. Ravisha Mathur has been Chair of the Academic Senate for two terms, from 2019-2021; and
- Whereas** Dr. Ravisha Mathur has provided years of dedicated service and leadership to the Academic Senate prior to becoming Chair, including but not limited, to being a member of the Curriculum & Research Committee (2014-2015), Chair of Curriculum & Research (2015-2017), and Vice Chair of the Senate (2017-2019), sometimes while also serving as department chair; and
- Whereas** Dr. Ravisha Mathur has served on numerous additional university committees over the years that are too many to list because it would make one tired to read them all; and
- Whereas** The accomplishments that the Academic Senate and Senate Office have been able to achieve during these past two years of pandemic have exceeded the accomplishments during most pre-pandemic years under Chair Mathur's leadership. Despite the extreme working conditions under COVID-19, Chair Mathur never changed or lost sight of her truly collaborative teamwork approach. This approach extended to her working relationship with the Senate Administrator which was of such integrity, sincerity, and value that it shall never be forgotten and should be a role model for future chairs: and
- Whereas** Dr. Ravisha Mathur has shown spectacular leadership of the Academic Senate during the unprecedented period of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring the successful continuity of a tradition of shared governance--

collaboratively working and consulting with our stakeholders including our students, faculty, staff, administrators, and communities; and

Whereas The Academic Senate and the University as a whole owe Dr. Ravisha Mathur a debt of gratitude for her stellar and compassionate leadership which would be noteworthy under any circumstances, but which have been particularly remarkable under the unparalleled exigent conditions of the pandemic; and

Whereas Dr. Ravisha Mathur has proactively prioritized and engaged students in dialogue to gain their input and perspective and hear their multiple voices as a critical constituency on campus, while modeling strong and empathetic leadership during these challenging times; and

Whereas Dr. Ravisha Mathur has been an always supportive colleague, mentoring senators (past and present) through personal and professional challenges, of which there have been many under COVID-19; and

Whereas Dr. Ravisha Mathur has served and inspired the Senate with compassion, humanity, resilience, excellent humor, and unparalleled strength behind-the-scenes in ways that have sometimes been invisible to the larger communities that she has supported; and

Whereas Dr. Ravisha Mathur has modeled leadership that has exemplified courage, ethics, and a commitment to social justice throughout her tenure; beyond Senate chair, she is an exemplary leader whose convictions entail putting the influence of her office to the higher calling of equity; and

Whereas Dr. Ravisha Mathur has done all of the above with an avowed mindfulness of people's time while also allowing for occasional extensions of meeting times when extraordinary circumstances require; therefore be it

Resolved That Dr. Ravisha Mathur continue to serve in the Senate well beyond her chair term, sharing her rational, compassionate, reasoned, and always balanced perspectives; and be it further

Resolved That the Academic Senate of San José State University wholeheartedly congratulate, thank, and commend Dr. Ravisha Mathur for her effective, capable, and dedicated leadership, remarkable in any time but particularly during the myriad challenges of her years as Senate Chair.