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.