WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald Staszkow was hired as a full-time Mathematics faculty member in September 1977, achieved the rank of professor, and retired in May 2007; and

WHEREAS, he created the Math Learning Center, and he authored the Basic Math curriculum and software; and

WHEREAS, he created two courses, Math for the Liberal Arts and Math for the Associate Degree, that, in addition to fulfilling the educational needs of the students, were designed to make math fun for a wide variety of students; and

WHEREAS, he created SOFA (the Ohlone Social Activities Fund “with the letters all mixed up”); and

WHEREAS, he was the first faculty coordinator of the Staff Development Program; and

WHEREAS, he was the initiator of the Instructional Skills Workshops at Ohlone College; and

WHEREAS, he is the author or coauthor of three textbooks used at the college; and

WHEREAS, he was several times a member of the Faculty Senate, served on numerous hiring committees, and was twice a leading member of the Curriculum Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was awarded the Teaching Excellence Award by the California Mathematics Council for Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, he developed a reputation among students as being a great teacher; and

WHEREAS, he inspired the math department, and the college, with his idea that a primary student learning outcome is that students should enjoy the subject matter; and

WHEREAS, he was seen by his colleagues as a man with fair and good judgment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation for his contributions and high level of performance, and that the Board of Trustees expresses sincere good wishes to Mr. Ronald Staszkow henceforth; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees confers upon Mr. Ronald Staszkow the title of Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, of Ohlone College.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 5th day of March, 2008.