

# OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

- WHEREAS,** Ilene (Sam) Katz was hired by the Ohlone Community College District as a full-time faculty member of the Mathematics Department in August 1988 and retired from the District effective July 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** she taught with passion and empathy in all of her classes, incorporating her continuous study of learning theory and having a profoundly positive impact on her students' perspectives toward math and themselves; and
- WHEREAS,** she used her holistic approach to teaching and learning to design and implement the original curriculum for the course now known as "Success in Math," thereby helping countless students for nearly 30 years overcome their anxieties associated with studying mathematics; and
- WHEREAS,** she was a strong proponent of creative ways to reimagine how teaching and learning occurs at Ohlone, including her early involvement in learning communities, her instrumental role in the design and teaching of the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA) tutor training program, and her key contributions to the development and promotion of the Learning Assistant Program/Supplemental Instruction Program (LAPSI) which is now the Embedded Tutor Program; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to her teaching service to students, she mentored new faculty, sharing her professional knowledge and her contagious enthusiasm to inspire them to become better teachers; and
- WHEREAS,** through her work with the Facilities and Sustainability Committee, her professional contributions extended to the college campus and the local community beyond by recruiting and promoting partnerships for Earth Week celebrations and other environmentally conscious activities and endeavors.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees expresses its deepest appreciation for decades of devoted service to the students, faculty, and the entire college community, and that the Board of Trustees expresses its best wishes to Sam Katz henceforth; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees confers upon Sam Katz the title of Emeritus Professor of Mathematics.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees  
Ohlone Community College District