DATE: August 28, 2003

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr., Chancellor

Subject: SPECIAL Memorial Resolution given to the family of Enola Maxwell on the sixth day of July, 2003 (Resolution No. 030828 – S4)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, the family of Mother Enola Maxwell received the following memorial resolution on the day of her funeral.

SHARED GOVERNANCE REVIEW:

Yes ___; No X ___; If yes, which committee: ____________________________
Date of Review: ________________________________

(a Negative Response indicates that a Review is not necessary)

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS, “Miz” Maxwell, as she was widely known, was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during a period when segregation policies aimed at African Americans like herself were still in effect; and

WHEREAS, Enola Maxwell sought peaceful change to the discrimination experienced by African Americans by becoming active in the civil rights movement, traveling to Washington, D. C., in 1963 to hear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speak at a major demonstration; and

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WHEREAS, in 1970, Mother Maxwell brought her extensive energies to San Francisco’s Portero Hill neighborhood, becoming executive director of the under-used neighborhood center on De Haro Street, and over the next three decades transforming it into a community jewel, in the process creating a gym, a theater, a middle school, a Head Start Program and career training center for teens, as well as venue for concerts, poetry workshops, senior programs and continuing education courses for adults; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Education has honored her by renaming Portero Hill School as the Enola D. Maxwell Middle School of the Arts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Community College District upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor, and after the fact in view of no July Board Meeting, extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mother Enola Maxwell.

President Dr. Anita Grier, Originator
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