DATE: August 28, 2003

TO: Board of Trustees

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

Subject: SPECIAL Recognition of State Chancellor, Thomas J. Nussbaum for exemplary service to the California Community Colleges upon the occasion of his retirement in January, 2004.
(Resolution No. 030828-S8)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

WHEREAS: Thomas J. Nussbaum has presided over the California Community Colleges, the largest system of higher education in the world with 108 colleges and 72 districts with locally elected boards of trustees and formally established under the 1960 California Master Plan for Education since 1996.

WHEREAS: Chancellor Nussbaum has been with the Chancellor’s Office for more than two decades, serving as Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs and General Counsel and playing a key role in the development and implementation of community college reform legislation that came out of the 1985 review of the California Master Plan of Higher Education.

WHEREAS: Chancellor Nussbaum has helped bring the system greater recognition and fiscal support for its ability to bolster the social and economic success of the state.

WHEREAS: Chancellor Nussbaum's comprehensive knowledge of the 108-college system, his open and inclusive leadership style, and his ability to build consensus among community college constituencies have benefited the system.

WHEREAS: Chancellor Nussbaum's tenure has featured four of the largest funding increases in system history, as the base budget for the community colleges increased by more than $1.75 billion and the colleges received funding increases at a rate consistently exceeding the growth of the state's adult population.
WHEREAS: Chancellor Nussbaum has worked with the Board of Governors, the colleges and his Consultation Council to develop a system wide strategic plan through the year 2005.

WHEREAS: Chancellor Nussbaum’s leadership led to the funding of The Partnership for Excellence program, which established a mutual commitment by the community college system and the state of California to expand significantly the contribution of the community colleges to California's prosperity with a substantial infusion of state funding in exchange for a commitment from the system to measurably improve student achievement.

WHEREAS: In June of 1996, Chancellor Nussbaum initiated his regular weekly e-mail updates to the colleges, becoming the first national education leader to make use of e-mail for improved communication within the system and instrumental in developing a common sense of purpose and unity within the system.

WHEREAS: In September of 1997, Chancellor Nussbaum became the first Chancellor to initiate an annual address covering the "State of the California Community Colleges", charting the system's progress on major priorities and lay out initiatives for the coming year.

RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District, on behalf of the faculty, students, classified, and administrators of City College of San Francisco, recognize and thank Thomas J. Nussbaum for his extraordinary leadership of and tremendous commitment to the California Community Colleges.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District, on behalf of the faculty, students, classified, and administrators of City College of San Francisco, warmly extends to Thomas J. Nussbaum its best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

President Dr. Anita Grier, Originator
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