DATE: April 27, 2000

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Chancellor Philip R. Day, Jr.

Subject: Recognition of American Association of Community Colleges
President, Dr. David R. Pierce
(Resolution No. 000427-S2)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On August 1, Dr. David R. Pierce, President of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), will retire after having served as President since 1991. His tenure at AACC represents a capstone to a 30+-year career, during which time he served as Chancellor for the Virginia Community College System; Executive Director, Illinois Community College Board; and Superintendent/President, North Iowa Area Community College. His professional involvement includes service on the Phi Theta Kappa Board, EDUCAUSE Board, the Harvard Institute for the Management of Lifelong Education advisory Board, and the Board for the National Association of Foreign Students Advisors.

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS, Dr. David R. Pierce has served to guide AACC through a decade of unprecedented success and stability;

WHEREAS, he has worked closely with the national leadership of this country and has educated policy makers about the critical role community colleges are playing across the nation;

WHEREAS, he has worked closely with the AACC Board of Trustees in creating a legislative advocacy program that has provided increased access and funding for community college students, programs, and services;

WHEREAS, he has successfully expanded and enhanced the public image of community colleges around the country with the implementation of a comprehensive communications and marketing plan;

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WHEREAS, he has forged new partnerships with major corporations that have provided for significantly improved relations and helped provide for an expanded effort and leadership role for America's community colleges in the area of workforce preparation and economic development;

WHEREAS, he has provided leadership to the association of more than 1,100 members during the critical period of welfare reform and, throughout, affirmed the valuable role community colleges have, can, and will play in that initiative;

WHEREAS, America's Community Colleges now educate a majority of new entrants into the public education system and have operationalized the concepts of access, student success and outcomes more effectively than any other segment of post-secondary education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Community College District, its Board of Trustees, and Chancellor express strong appreciation and admiration for Dr. David R. Pierce and the exemplary leadership he has provided to our association, and express best wishes in whatever future endeavors he may seek.

Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr., Chancellor, Originator