Honorable Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District

Subject: Resolution No. 980528-S1
Authorization to name the Family Resource Center in the Student Union at Phelan campus to be the Dr. Betty Shabazz Family Resource Center.

President and members:

The Board of Trustees authorized its support in concept and purpose the Family Resource Center in the S3 resolution at the March 26 Board meeting.

The Family Resource Center Steering Committee now recommends the naming of this Center to be the Dr. Betty Shabazz Family Resource Center based on the following:

1) A survey of students was circulated in April and May 1998 at student forums, club events, child development classes, the CCSF Child Development Center at Phelan Campus and all the students surveyed indicated their support for the naming of the center to be The Dr. Betty Shabazz Family Resource Center.

2) Upon the assassination of her husband, Malcom X, Dr. Betty Shabazz raised six daughters as a single parent and earned her Ph.D. in Health Administration from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, providing a model of courage and vision to mothers and fathers struggling to improve their families’ futures. She is an inspiration to the CCSF student parents who conceived, organized, and built the current Family Resource Center in the Student Union at Phelan Campus. Dr. Shabazz’s personal accomplishments and professional commitment to education is a legacy to the power of perseverance, determination, and faith.

3) In the words of her daughter, Iiyasah Shabazz, the Shabazz family would be “humbled and completely honored” to have the center in her mother’s name. It was her father’s belief that education is the passport to the future, and that tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for today.

The following resolution is recommended for adoption:

Resolved: That the Board authorize the naming of the family resource center in the Student Union at Phelan Campus to be the Dr. Betty Shabazz Family Resource Center.

Recommended for adoption:

James Haskell Mayo
Andrea Shorter
Lawrence Wong