

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. 13-125

Resolution Honoring *Aurora Mendez* upon her retirement)
after 35 years of teaching at Hartnell Community College.....)

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez received an Associate of Arts from Merced College, she participated in an education abroad program in Mexico City, and obtained a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Spanish at the University of California Davis; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez began her teaching career with Hartnell Community College in 1978, she also lectured at California State University Stanislaus and was a part-time instructor at Modesto Junior College from 1976 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez in the spring of 1991 was the Academic Coordinator and Spanish Instructor for the Central California Consortium for International Study in Granada, Spain, she became the Academic Coordinator and Spanish Instructor in Guadalajara, Mexico during the summer of 1991; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez received the coveted Fulbright Teacher Exchange Scholarship Award in 1995, she and her husband along with their four children spent one year in Jujuy, Argentina where she taught English and Chicano literature, and explored the life, language and culture of Argentineans; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez received several awards, which include the National Endowment of the Humanities Seminar Award, the Ercia Harden Memorial Teaching Excellence Award, and the Higher Education Teacher Award; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez has participated in numerous professional development opportunities; she attended the Sandra Cisneros Writing workshop at the University of Santa Cruz, the Leadership Conference of the State Academic Senate, and the Foreign Language Conference in San Francisco to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez was a professional member of several organizations; these include the California Association of Bilingual Education, California Teachers' Association, *Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social* , and the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez was actively engaged in various Hartnell Community College activities, including the Hartnell College Presidential Search Committee, the Teacher and Reading Development Partnership Program, the Stories of Ordinary Women with Exceptional Lives panel, and being the club advisor of *El club de educadores del valle de Salinas*; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez's involvement at Hartnell did not end after her Chicano or English class concluded, her leadership roles included being the Faculty Chair of Hartnell Accreditation Committee and Editor of the Self Study Accreditation Report; and, a member of the Academic Senate, College Council, La Raza Faculty and Staff Association, Site Master Plan Committee, Student Equity Plan Committee, and the Tenure Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez worked with curriculum chairs to develop the Spanish course curriculum and outlines, she is an outstanding and dedicated instructor that has played a major role in presenting an instructional program that addresses the needs of non-Spanish speakers and fluent Spanish speakers; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Mendez has committed her life to educating others, her contribution to her students, Hartnell College, and the community has been immense.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, congratulates **Aurora Mendez** upon her **retirement after thirty five years of teaching at Hartnell Community College**, and wishes her continued success in all of her future endeavors. **PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 23rd day of April 2013, upon motion of Supervisor Parker, seconded by Supervisor Potter, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisor Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Parker, Potter
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 76 for the meeting on April 23, 2013.

Dated: April 25, 2013

Gail T. Borkowski Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of
California.

By Alene Boyd
, Deputy