

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

Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution commending **Cecilia Preciado Burciaga**  
for her lifetime of service and advocacy creating greater  
educational opportunities for women and minorities.

**WHEREAS, Cecilia Preciado Burciaga** is a visionary who was a fierce advocate for Latino and women's rights, and a trailblazer in higher education; and

**WHEREAS, Cecilia Preciado Burciaga** was born in Pomona, California on May 17, 1945, and grew up in Chino, California where her parents, both Mexican immigrants from the state of Jalisco, had a dairy farm; and

**WHEREAS, Cecilia Preciado Burciaga** graduated from California State University Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in Spanish in 1968 and earned a master's in Sociology from University of California at Riverside in 1972; and

**WHEREAS, in 1972, Cecilia Preciado Burciaga** married Antonio Burciaga, an artist and poet, and together they were regarded as a high-powered leaders in the field of education; and

**WHEREAS, Cecilia Preciado Burciaga** began work at Stanford in the summer of 1974 as the assistant to the President and Provost for Chicano affairs under the late Stanford President Richard W. Lyman and along with husband served for ten years as resident fellows at Casa Zapata, the Chicano-theme dorm; and

**WHEREAS, during a twenty year career at Stanford, Cecilia Preciado Burciaga** held many posts, including Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Director of Summer Session and Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs, and was credited with boosting recruitment of women and minorities in faculty and student enrollment; and

**WHEREAS, Cecilia Preciado Burciaga** served on the White House Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans during the Clinton administration and on the National Advisory Committee on Women during the Carter Administration; and

**WHEREAS, Cecilia Preciado Burciaga** became a founding Dean and later Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at California State University at Monterey Bay where she was instrumental in the hiring of the first wave of faculty, and remained close to the students and advocated for the resources need to help them succeed academically; and

**WHEREAS, in 2010 Cecilia Preciado Burciaga** was recognized as one of the Top 50 Latina Women of the Year in Latina Magazine's pride of the Century List; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all the citizens thereof, hereby posthumously recognizes **Cecilia Preciado Burciaga**, for her lifetime of service and advocacy creating greater educational opportunities for women and minorities.