

Resolution of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors

Commending

Dr. Brice W. Harris

No. 2016-04

Whereas, Dr. Brice W. Harris, chancellor of the California Community Colleges, is a national leader in public higher education and has a well-deserved reputation for improving student success and access in the community college system; and

Whereas, Dr. Brice W. Harris, prior to being selected as the leader of the largest system of higher education in the nation, served as chancellor of the Los Rios Community College District for 16 years, president of Fresno City College and as a faculty member and vice chancellor in the Metropolitan Community College system in Kansas City, Mo; and

Whereas, Dr. Brice W. Harris has served on the board and policy committees of the American Association of Community Colleges and the American Council on Education, as well as a host of local, state and national boards and commissions; and

Whereas, Dr. Brice W. Harris guided the California Community Colleges through implementing the Student Success Initiative; provided public access to student performance data through the Student Success Scorecard and the online Salary Surfer; developed a pilot program for the conferral of baccalaureate degrees at fifteen community college campuses; and expanded high school students' access to college instruction; and

Whereas, Dr. Brice W. Harris steered the California Community Colleges to great success in a number of education initiatives that made the largest system of public higher education one of the most transparent and accountable in the country; and

Whereas, Dr. Brice W. Harris has a celebrated passion for the arts, having served as board president of the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra, as a board member of the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento, as a board member of the Kansas City Museum and was the driving force behind the construction of a performing arts center at Folsom Lake College that was named in his honor; and

Whereas, Dr. Brice W. Harris has devoted his 45 year career in higher education to increasing access and student success; and

Whereas, Dr. Brice W. Harris' integrity and passion for students and the advancement of the California Community College system is unparalleled; and

Whereas, Dr. Brice W. Harris has been a transformational leader for the California Community Colleges, and the Board of Governors is deeply grateful for his service to the State of California; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved, That it is fitting the Board of Governors recognize institutional leaders who have made demonstrable contributions to this public system of higher education and the people of California; and, *be it further*

Resolved, That the California Community Colleges Board of Governors confers the title of Chancellor Emeritus on Dr. Brice W. Harris, with all the rights and privileges thereto.

Geoffrey L. Baum,
Board of Governors President
California Community Colleges