

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

**Commendation for President Rollin Richmond for Outstanding Service
to Humboldt State University**

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WHEREAS, President Rollin Richmond, Humboldt State University's sixth President, has served with distinction since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Rollin has previously served as Provost at Iowa State University (1999-2002), the State University of New York—Stony Brook (1995-1999); and

WHEREAS, Rollin was Professor of Biology and Genetics at Indiana University from 1970-1990, and

WHEREAS, Rollin is a product of the California State University system, having earned his bachelor's degree in zoology from San Diego State University; and

WHEREAS, as an expert on the evolutionary genetics, particularly in the genetics of the fruit fly (*Drosophila*), Rollin has garnered more than \$2.5 million in external funding from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and other granting agencies, resulting in nearly 100 peer reviewed publications over the course of his career; and

WHEREAS, Rollin has mentored ten graduate students and nine post-doctoral fellows over the course of his career; and

WHEREAS, as a steadfast proponent of expanding access to higher education for all Californians, Rollin has sought to improve ties between Humboldt State University and local high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools across Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, Rollin has served on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Humboldt County, the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Hospital, and the Executive Committee of the Council on Academic Affairs of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, and participated in community outreach by joining Rotary and United Way; and

WHEREAS, Rollin's outstanding service to the Humboldt County community, the State of California, and the nation has been recognized by Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the University of South Florida; and

WHEREAS, Rollin has helped to advance the mission of the California State University through his support of science research within the system, chairing the CSU Program for Education and

Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) and the CSU Council on Ocean Affairs, Science and Technology (COAST); and

WHEREAS, under Rollin's leadership, Humboldt State University has developed a national reputation as a student-centered, diverse, and sustainable university which also serves as an important community and economic hub for the county; and

WHEREAS, Rollin will be remembered as a champion of students, his commitment to increasing campus diversity, and his commitment to the university's mission; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the University Senate extends its deepest thanks and sincere appreciation to Rollin for his 12 years of service to Humboldt State and his 44 year career in higher education; and be it further

RESOLVED that the University Senate commends President Rollin Richmond for his dedication and commitment to Humboldt State University; and be it further

RESOLVED that the University Senate extend its sincere congratulations and best wishes to Rollin and Ann on the occasion of Rollin's retirement.