



Senate Bill: 2011-12-06

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Referred to: Committee of the Whole

Action Taken: Senate approved on 11-08-11 (votes: 21-0-0)

Subject:: **Scholarship in Honor of President Jolene Koester**

1. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is the official voice of students of California State University, Northridge; and
2. WHEREAS: Dr. Jolene Koester accepted the appointment as California State University, Northridge's fourth President in July 2000. She announced her retirement in May 2011.
3. WHEREAS: California State University, Northridge has benefitted from over 11 years of excellence in leadership inspired and fostered by President Koester.
4. WHEREAS: The achievements of President Koester's leadership include the addition of two new applied doctorate programs in educational leadership and physical therapy, an effort to streamline general education requirements for undergraduates, and distinction of becoming the only CSU campus to offer a major in Central American studies, and
5. WHEREAS: During President Koester's leadership the graduation and retention rates have steadily increased; and
6. WHEREAS: The construction of Chaparral Hall, the Student Recreation Center, the Valley Performing Arts Center, three new Residence Halls, and the renovation of the University Student Union are examples the campus' beautiful transformation during President Koester's leadership; and
7. WHEREAS: President Koester's leadership has allowed the university to continue its advancement of its mission despite a significant reduction of government support during the state's difficult economic reality; and
8. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is appreciative of all the work President Koester has done on behalf of the students, in addition to her consistent collaboration with the Associated Students;

9. WHEREAS: That Associated Students, Inc. applauds President Koester's career at California State University, Northridge; therefore let it be
1. RESOLVED: That Associated Students, Inc. will honor President Koester by creating a scholarship in her name; and let it be further
2. RESOLVED: That the recipient of this scholarship is a student who is making positive contributions to student life on campus; and let it be further
3. RESOLVED: That the recipient of this scholarship has demonstrated superior academic achievement, with a minimum 3.5 GPA for undergraduate, and a minimum 3.75 GPA for graduate students; and let it be further
4. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. of California State University, Northridge establish the "President Jolene Koester Scholarship" in the amount of \$8,000, to be awarded annually; and let it be further
5. RESOLVED: That should a suitable candidate for this award not be found according to this resolution's criteria, the \$8,000 set aside for this award be given out as part of the general distribution of the A.S. Financial Aid Grants; and let it be further
6. RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including but not limited to the following:

Dr. Charles Reed, Chancellor, California State University
Dr. Jolene Koester, President, California State University, Northridge
Vice Presidents, California State University, Northridge
Academic Senate, California State University, Northridge
Members, California State Student Association
Members, United States Student Association
The American College Personnel Association
The Association of American Colleges and Universities
The CSU Board of Trustees
Ms. Lili Vidal, Director of Financial Aid, California State University, Northridge
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