

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD  
ACADEMIC SENATE

RES 141505

**Commendation of Dr. Soraya Coley, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs**

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Soraya Coley has served CSU, Bakersfield as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for more than eight years; and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Coley has made deep personal sacrifices to serve CSUB; and

**WHEREAS:** Provost Coley has been the longest-serving administrator on the Senate Executive Committee and has added greatly to its effectiveness through her insights and wise counsel; and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Coley has both supported and celebrated the academic endeavors of the faculty; and

**WHEREAS:** Provost Coley implemented program scans and formal agreements regarding the direction of academic programs, providing direction and predictability to departments; and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Coley has had a laser focus on student success; and

**WHEREAS:** Provost Coley has initiated numerous ways to recognize the work of faculty; and

**WHEREAS:** Provost Coley exemplifies respect and genuine concern for faculty and other members of the campus community in seeking out junior faculty and students to have conversations with them and to listen to them to see what is going on "behind the scenes"; and

**WHEREAS:** Soraya's kindness and generosity have added greatly to the campus climate; and

**WHEREAS:** Soraya has been an adoptive grandparent to many of the children and grandchildren of the CSUB family; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of California State University, Bakersfield express its sincere gratitude for the many contributions that Dr. Soraya Coley has made to CSUB and the greater Bakersfield community; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That we wish her all the best as she embarks on the exciting new phase of her long career in higher education and the President of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That we rejoice for her as she becomes one half of the newest power couple in Greater Los Angeles and actually can live in the same town as Ron.

Approved by the Academic Senate on October 16, 2014  
Sent to the President as information on October 23, 2014