



RESOLUTION HONORING TRUSTEE PETE MEHAS

WHEREAS, Pete Mehas is a Fresno native, and received his bachelor's degree from California State University, Fresno in 1962, his master's degree from UCLA in 1967, and his doctorate in education from the University of Southern California in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mehas served as an instructor at Fresno's Roosevelt High School in 1963, an assistant principal at Clovis High (1968-69), a principal 1969-75), an assistant superintendent (1975-78) and an associate superintendent (1978-87); and

WHEREAS, From 1984 to 1987, Mehas established and served as the legislative advocate in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. for the State Center Community College District, Fresno County, and Modoc County Offices of Education and a consortium of 36 school districts throughout Central California; and

WHEREAS, Governor Deukmejian appointed Dr. Mehas as chief advisor on all matters relating to public and private education in California, and later appointed him to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mehas served on the U.S. Secretary of Education's National Advisory Committee on Accreditation and Institutional Eligibility; the Governor's California Commission on Educational Quality; the National Governor's Association Education Advisory Committee; the Constitutional Rights Foundation and state representative to the Steering Committee of the California Policy Seminar; and the AB 9 taskforce to develop criteria for low performing schools.

WHEREAS, in September 1991, President George Bush appointed Dr. Mehas to the advisory commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans; and



WHEREAS, in 1998, Mehas was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to the California Community College Board of Governors, and was later appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve on his Advisory Committee on Education Excellence in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mehas has been honored with an impressive variety of awards, including the Fresno Public Education Fund's Gold Star Alumni Award, the New United Way's Annual George A. Osborne Award, the Outstanding Public Service Award by the California Farm Bureau Federation and the California Foundation for Agriculture, the USC School of Education Distinguished Lecturer, the CSU Fresno School of Social Science Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Fresno City College Distinguished Alumni Award; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Dr. Mehas was elected Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and was easily re-elected in 1994, 1998, and 2002, with the unanimous endorsement of the Democratic and Republican legislators from the Fresno area; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mehas served as a Trustee of the California State University since 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mehas was a guest presenter at Fresno State 101, among many other events with Fresno State and CSU students, and was instrumental in connecting with students, understanding how issues affected them, and taking their feedback into account; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Associated Students, Inc. is grateful for the lifetime of service and expertise in education Dr. Mehas brought to the Central Valley, State of California, and United States; and therefore be it



RESOLVED, that Associated Students, Inc. recognizes that Dr. Mehas' passing is a significant loss for Fresno State, the Central Valley, and the California State University as a whole; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Associated Students, Inc. will work to continue on Dr. Mehas' legacy and honor his prodigious achievements; and therefore be it

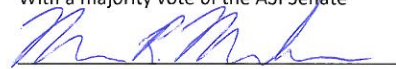
RESOLVED, that Associated Students, Inc. encourages the Fresno State Academic Senate to adopt this resolution.

Written by:
Sean Kiernan, Vice President of External Affairs


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10-27-13
Date

Supported by:
Moses Menchaca, ASI President
With a majority vote of the ASI Senate


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10/23/13
Date