

Resolution of Commer

Milton A. Gordon

President, California State University, Fullerton

- WHEREAS, On August 9, 1990, Milton A. Gordon—formerly vice-president of Academic Affairs and professor of mathematics at Sonoma State University—became the fourth president of California State University, Fullerton (CSUF); and
- WHEREAS, Taking the university’s helm for the next 21 years, President Gordon would lead CSUF into prominence as one of the nation’s largest and most inclusive senior institutions of higher learning, earning several distinguished recognitions, including the No. 6 ranking among “Top Public Universities-Master’s Institutions in the West” by *U.S. News & World Report*, and the No. 1 destination in California for community college students transferring to a public university, for the last 12 years; and
- WHEREAS, During his more than two decades as president, he has celebrated CSUF’s 40th and 50th anniversaries; grown the institution from 25,600 students, to more than 36,000; raised the number of academic degree programs from 91 to 104, including the establishment of a doctorate in education program—one of the first in the 23-campus Cal State system; and increasing Fullerton’s ethnic diversity from a 31% minority representation, to nearly 60% today; and
- WHEREAS, In 1997, under President Gordon’s tenure, the university opened an extended education campus in the Garden Grove Higher Education Center, launching a countywide expansion that included satellite campuses in the cities of Santa Ana, and eventually Irvine; and
- WHEREAS, He is credited with presiding over a first-of-its-kind, national model for serving foster youth—the Guardian Scholars Program—established in conjunction with the Orangewood Children’s Foundation, that earned him highest recognitions from several agencies around the nationwide; and
- WHEREAS, President Gordon secured the largest gift in CSUF’s history--\$30 million from Class of '69 CSUF business administration graduate Steven G. Mihaylo, leading to the business college and building being named in his honor; and
- WHEREAS, On December 10, 2011, President Milton A. Gordon will be recognized for his 22 years of service to California State University, Fullerton with a Gala held in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby recognize and commend Milton A. Gordon on his 22 unparalleled years of service to CSUF, and his inspirational commitment to education.

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Recommended for Approval

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