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04-034

Resolution Commending Mildred Ollee for Service to PCC

PREPARED BY:

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REPORT:

Dr. Mildred Ollee served as Executive Dean of the Cascade/Cascade Open Campus from September 1995 to August 2003. During her tenure at the college she made significant contributions to the college and the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopts the following resolution to commend Dr. Mildred Ollee for her service to PCC.

Mildred Ollee was a tireless advocate for the Cascade Campus and promoted it throughout the district, state and nation as the "premier urban community college campus." Her efforts to position the Cascade Campus as a community resource for quality education brought unprecedented enrollment increases and stature to the Campus, and helped lead to the successful passage of the PCC bond measure in 2000. Her visionary leadership energized staff and students alike, and her focus on excellence in services to students and the community became hallmarks for the district.

Mildred Ollee dedicated herself to serving the community, and was a visible leader in community and civic organizations. She served on the Urban League Board of Directors, the LINKS, the North/Northeast Business Association, the African American Chamber of Commerce and many other local organizations. She was an advisor to several City of Portland and Multnomah County officials, regularly attended meetings with state legislators, and was a regular visitor at local neighborhood association meetings.

Mildred Ollee brought humor and humanity to the workplace. She always had time to talk with students on the campus, counsel those who were faltering and encourage those who needed a friendly face. Mildred's energy was boundless; her workday often stretched from 7 a.m. to after midnight. Whether attending meetings on or off campus, Mildred Ollee was the embodiment of the Cascade/Cascade Open Campus – friendly, accessible, and valuable. But underneath Mildred's easygoing demeanor lay an iron will and determination to settle for nothing but the best.

The Board thanks Mildred Ollee for her devotion to the college, for her enthusiasm and commitment to students and for helping make the Cascade Campus a true premier urban campus. The Board thanks Mildred for her guidance and leadership to the Cascade/Cascade Open campus and for her outspoken commitment to traditionally underserved populations. The Board wishes Mildred much happiness and success in her new endeavors and hopes to see her at the grand openings of the many buildings at Cascade and Southeast that will become realities because of her leadership.

Director Williams moved to approve Resolution 04-034 and it was approved unanimously.