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Resolution Commending Alice Jacobson for Service to PCC

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REPORT: Dr. Alice Jacobson has served as Campus President of the Sylvania Campus from 1991 to 2003. Prior to assuming the duties of Campus President, Alice Jacobson served as Vice President for Planning and Development from 1988 to 1991. 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. Alice Jacobson for her service to PCC.

Alice Jacobson has provided the Sylvania Campus and PCC with dedicated leadership and inspiration for the past 14 years. Alice has overseen remarkable growth in enrollment, guided a major campus master planning effort, and provided the impetus for several innovative programs for students and faculty. She has worked long hours to promote four PCC bond measures, attended hundreds of community meetings and student events, and devoted countless hours of advice and counsel to students, faculty and staff. Her insistence on excellence, her humor, warmth and vitality have energized staff, faculty and students to achieve nothing but the best.

Under Alice's leadership, the Sylvania Multicultural Center, the Women's Center, Art Beat and the Teaching Learning Center were born. She is a tireless advocate for women and minority students and a strong supporter of programs that promote student success. Her position of leadership has inspired many other women to seek leadership positions in community colleges throughout the state and nation. She currently chairs the board of the National Institute for Leadership Development, an organization that has forged the careers of several hundred women in

community college administration. Alice is one of the nation's preeminent members of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges. In 1991 Alice received the AAWCC President of the Year Award.

Through Alice's leadership, the Library became the top priority for funding from a bond measure that the voters approved in 1992. The Library now serves as the focus of the campus community, providing a visual link to the classroom buildings that surround it. Alice chaired the committee that helped secure significant pieces of art for the campus, and helped enhance a campus environment where visual art and performing arts are celebrated. Her vision for the campus also helped provide a direction for the Performing Arts Center, a modern facility that offers students outstanding opportunities for theater and dance instruction.

Alice Jacobson's work in forging partnerships with business and community organizations has brought major improvements to the health occupation programs, has brought equipment and acclaim to the automotive technology department, and has attracted grant funds for several other programs on campus. Alice has created an atmosphere on the Sylvania Campus where creativity is encouraged, success is rewarded and staff are empowered to provide students with excellent educational experiences and opportunities for personal growth.

In addition to her work for the college, Alice is an active volunteer on several community boards and organizations and currently serves as a member of the Commission for the Northwest Association of Colleges.

The Board thanks Alice Jacobson for her devotion to the college, for her humor, enthusiasm and commitment to students and for her contributions toward making PCC such an important asset to the entire community. The Board wishes Alice much happiness in her retirement and hopes to see her at the grand openings of the new buildings at Sylvania, and at other college events and ceremonies that take place because of her leadership.