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SS-S23-5, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring Dr. Sharmin Khan for Her Service to the Senate

Legislative History:

On May 8, 2023, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Vice Chair Sasikumar unanimously.

Whereas: Dr. Sharmin Khan has been an incredible voice for the lecturer faculty on the Academic Senate for eight years, highlighting the distinct needs of lecturers as well as what they have in common with tenured faculty;

Whereas: Dr. Sharmin Khan has made valuable contributions as a member of the Instructional and Student Affairs Committee, as a faculty member in the Senate's largest committee with constituencies of students, faculty, staff and administrators;

Whereas: Senator Sharmin Khan is one of the founding members of the California Faculty (CFA) Lecturer Council on this campus, and its first Chair; has served with distinction as the campuswide Lecturer Representative, providing information to lecturer faculty on their contractual rights; has served as a member of CFA's Faculty Rights Committee; has served as a member of the statewide Lecturer Council for CFA, and has done other tasks too numerous to name as a member of the San José CFA chapter's Executive Board;

Whereas: Senator Sharmin Khan has an extraordinary ability to build bridges between disparate constituencies and is one of few faculty who is active in both CFA and the Academic Senate;

Whereas: Dr. Khan, with her fierce social justice orientation, can often be seen campaigning for the rights of faculty, women, immigrants, those who are linguistically diverse, and so many other marginalized groups;

Whereas: Senator Sharmin Khan consistently poses challenging questions to university leadership, during Senate meetings, that few others dare to ask; therefore be it

Resolved: That the SJSU Academic Senate and San José State University wish Dr. Khan many, many years of travel and adventure upon her retirement; be it further

Resolved: That the SJSU Academic Senate thank Dr. Khan, with much gratitude, for her commitment and dedication to our faculty, our Senate, and the University.