



RESOLUTION No. 2011-12-4

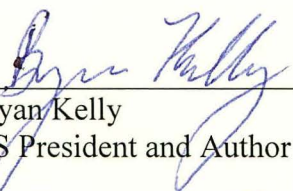
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**REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION APPROVED: October 31, 2011**


SUBJECT: Recognition of Veterans as a Cultural Community on Campus and in Support of Efforts to Raise Awareness of Veteran Issues

- 1.) **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University (HSU) is to provide an official voice through which students opinions may be expressed and foster awareness of these opinions both on and off campus; while protecting the rights and interests of individual students; and,
- 2.) **WHEREAS**, The Associated Students of Humboldt State University (HSU) recognize Veterans as a cultural community on campus that is susceptible to harmful negative stereotypes and that these stereotypes create barriers to a safe learning environment and the ability for Service members to transition from military life to civilian and/or student life; and
- 3.) **WHEREAS**, The Associated Students recognize that military members and Veterans return home from duty to every community, including the HSU campus, and that it is the responsibility of all communities to assist in meeting the needs of returning Service members; and
- 4.) **WHEREAS**, the advent of an all-volunteer Military has resulted in a sharp decline in the number of individuals and families who have had a personal connection with the Armed Forces; and,
- 5.) **WHEREAS**, the system of civilian control of the Military makes it essential that future leaders understand the history of military action and the contributions and sacrifices of those who have served; and,
- 6.) **WHEREAS**, according to the CSU Student Veteran Research Project of 2011, the HSU campus in terms of institutional climate for Veterans support is considerably lower than the overall CSU average score. Institutional climate refers to the level of support that the campus leaders exhibit and the energy and resources they allocate to student Veterans. HSU scored 23 out of 66 points possible with the average CSU score being 31; and

- 7.) **WHEREAS**, the post 9/11 GI Bill has afforded more Veterans and Service members access to public and private institutions, it has also increased inequities in the cost of education including the termination of Break Pay (benefit monies available to veterans between standard terms semesters); therefore, be it
- 8.) **RESOLVED**, the Associated Students calls upon HSU to permanently designate the week of the Veterans Day holiday as campus 'Veterans Awareness Week' for the purpose of educating the campus community about the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans; and, be it further
- 9.) **RESOLVED**, the Associated Students support efforts to recognize Veterans, Service members and military families as a cultural community on campus, including encouraging students, faculty, staff and administration of HSU to observe Veterans Awareness Week and attend activities on campus and in the community; and, be it further
- 10.) **RESOLVED**, the Associated Students call upon the HSU campus community to take action to ensure that the HSU campus is a safe and welcoming learning environment for Veterans and the Service member community; and, be it further
- 11.) **RESOLVED**, The Associated Students calls upon the Federal government, the State of California, the CSU system and HSU to support Veterans with all necessary funding and benefits in which they're entitled to receive for service completed; and, be it further
- 12.) **RESOLVED**, The Associated Students will collaborate with Veterans Enrollment and Transition Services to provide presentations, seminars and opportunities to discuss the basic characteristics, experiences and ultimately the transition of Veterans and Service members to student life to create a working knowledge on campus about student veterans and active duty Service members; and, be it finally
- 13.) **RESOLVED**, this resolution shall be sent, but not limited to: CSU Chancellor, Dr. Charles Reed; All members of the CSU Board of Trustees; HSU President, Dr. Rollin Richmond; Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Dr. Peg Blake; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert Snyder; Veterans Enrollment and Transitions Services; The University Senate; All University Departments; Times Standard and The Lumberjack; and all CSU Associated Students


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