## SUBJECT: Resolution for Santa Barbara City College

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### CATEGORY: Executive

### TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:
- Consent/Routine: X
- First Reading

### Recommended By:
- Brice W. Harris, Chancellor

### Approved for Consideration:
- Brice W. Harris, Chancellor

### ISSUE: This item presents a resolution to Santa Barbara City College.

### BACKGROUND: Santa Barbara City College will be recognized by the Board of Governors for receiving the prestigious 2013 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the resolution for Santa Barbara City College.
Board of Governors Resolution
Commending
Santa Barbara City College for winning Aspen Award

Whereas, Santa Barbara City College, under the fine leadership of Superintendent/President Lori Gaskin, has been declared the winner of the 2013 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence having been selected from more than 1,000 of the nation’s public community colleges; and

Whereas, Santa Barbara City College is a comprehensive community college with a primary focus on transfer to four-year institutions and sets high standards for students while delivering strong services that enable them to reach their goals, from a first-rate writing center to specialized support programs for historically under-achieving students; and

Whereas, 64 percent of first-time, full-time Santa Barbara City College students transfer or graduate within three years compared with the national average of 40 percent; and

Whereas, five years after completing their associate degrees, Santa Barbara City College graduates earn approximately $43,000 a year; and

Whereas, 48 percent of Hispanic students at Santa Barbara City College graduate or transfer within three years compared with just 35 percent nationally; and

Whereas, Santa Barbara City College has built a strong culture that consistently strives to improve student success, paying special attention to ensuring that courses and programs align with the academic standards of four-year universities; and

Whereas, Well over half of the students who enter Santa Barbara City College transfer to four-year colleges and attain a bachelor’s degree within six years of leaving high school; and

Whereas, Santa Barbara City College has expanded student development efforts beyond its campus to local high schools and has created the largest dual enrollment program – which allows high school students to take community college courses – among our system’s 112 community colleges; and

Whereas, Santa Barbara City College is helping high-school students, many of whom may not be financially or academically prepared, develop long-term education plans through college readiness and career counseling programs; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges recognizes and congratulates Santa Barbara City College as the 2013 winner of the prestigious national Aspen Award and for the outstanding work it is doing on behalf of its
community and students in showcasing its best practices that can now be shared with all community colleges in the great state of California and throughout the United States.