



**Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate
Resolution: SP12-A
Recognition of Exemplary Service: Geri Wend**

- Proposed by:** Past President Michael Adams, on behalf of the MJC Academic Senate Executive Committee
- Whereas:** Geri Wend served the MJC Academic Senate as administrative support staff from 2004 to 2012; and
- Whereas:** All who had occasion to visit the Senate Office, Faculty Lounge, or the YFA Office were warmly welcomed by Geri. Hers was the first face they saw when they came through our doors, and that face was always smiling and cheerful. She would offer them coffee or a snack, listen to their often rambling questions and concerns, and find a way to help them. “That’s not my job” was not in her vocabulary; and
- Whereas:** “Long Hours” does not even begin to do justice to the dedication with which Geri treated her service to the MJC Academic Senate. Geri would arrive at work before anyone, and would usually be the last to leave. If there was an event in the evening, Geri would be there. If there was a meeting in Oakdale or Columbia, Geri would be there. Geri was ready and eager to make sure the Senate could do its business; and
- Whereas:** Geri was the quiet teacher who trained 5 Senate Presidents. Her consistent presence helped guide us quietly away from pitfalls and served as an invaluable institutional memory. Geri’s often unrecognized contribution made the Senate what it is today, strengthening our organization and helping us make steady progress; and
- Whereas:** Geri always provided outstanding food at our meetings. Attendance at MJC Academic Senate meetings would always be rewarded with pretzels and cookies, fruit and chips, coffee and soda, and usually something homemade. Few people knew that Geri often provided this sustenance from her own pocketbook, trusting in absent-minded professors to eventually pay their dues so that she might someday be recompensed; and
- Whereas:** Geri truly loved the Senate, and the Senate deeply loved Geri.
- Therefore:** **Be it resolved,** that the MJC Academic Senate wholeheartedly and enthusiastically recognizes Geri Wend for her outstanding service; and
- Therefore:** **Be it also resolved,** that the MJC Academic Senate wishes Geri Wend joy and success in her future life, since there are few in the world who deserve it as much as she; and
- Therefore:** **Be it finally resolved,** that the MJC Academic Senate will miss Geri, and it is with tears in our eyes and smiles on our faces that we say goodbye to her.
- First Reading:** January 19, 2012
- Final Action:** January 19, 2012
- Disposition:** Carried