

**MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE
RES: SP02-B: RECOGNITION OF MARK BENDER
APRIL 18, 2002**

Proposed by: Executive Board

- Whereas, Mark Bender represented and defended the interests of the faculty while serving as president of the Academic Senate between 1983 and 1984, and
- Whereas, Mark Bender represented his colleagues on numerous campus and state-wide committees during his tenure, including: Campus Development, Commencement, Curriculum, and Academic Senate, and
- Whereas, Mark Bender broke ground as the first faculty member to serve as College Researcher, and
- Whereas, Mark Bender cataloged and augmented the Modesto Junior College campus arboretum, including the development of the Jim Higgs Memorial Grove, and
- Whereas, Mark Bender was an early leader in the development of a statewide Agricultural Education Tech Prep initiative and a statewide-standardized agriculture education curriculum, numbering and articulation system for higher education, and
- Whereas, Mark Bender demonstrated leadership and vision as Dean of the Agriculture, Environmental Sciences and Technical Education Division during the development and implementation of the Beckwith Farm Instruction Laboratory,
- Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate for Modesto Junior College commends and expresses appreciation for Mark Bender's contributions and leadership during the twenty-six years he has been with us and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

First Reading:

Final Action: April 25, 2002, rules suspended

Disposition: Carried

Presented to Dr. Bender at farewell reception May 7, 2002

