WHEREAS, President Baker leaves Cal Poly a far better University than when he found it; and

WHEREAS, Under President Baker’s leadership, Cal Poly has earned top national ranking for “Best in the West” from U.S. News and World Report for the past 17 years; and

WHEREAS, President Baker leaves behind a legacy of civility, respect, and appreciation for the richness that intellectual and cultural diversity bring to academe; and

WHEREAS, President Baker, an engineer by education, has been a strong supporter of the importance of general education as an essential foundation to all higher learning; and

WHEREAS, President Baker has been a vocal defender of academic freedom in the classroom and beyond; and

WHEREAS, For 31 years President Baker has worked tirelessly with the state legislature, industry groups, and alumni to support Cal Poly’s important polytechnic mission; and

WHEREAS, President Baker has created and maintained a strong group of “friends of Cal Poly” across the nation who will be invaluable to our future; and

WHEREAS, President Baker’s demonstrated commitment to the well-being of Cal Poly gives us trust that his porch light will remain on for us; and

WHEREAS, President Baker has made Cal Poly what it is today, and we will miss his steady hand at the helm; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate wishes to express its upmost gratitude to President Baker for his vision and enduring service to the faculty, staff, and students of Cal Poly.

Proposed by: Academic Senate of Cal Poly
Date: May 4 2010
This memo formally acknowledges receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate Resolution.

Please express my sincere appreciation to the Academic Senate for its kind words. It has truly been an extraordinary privilege to serve as Cal Poly's president over the past three decades.

Thank you again.