



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RENAMING THE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM TO THE FRANKIE SUE DEL PAPA PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Resolution Number: 90

Authored By: Senator Frobes on behalf of Executive Affairs Isabella Valdivieso

Sponsored By: 2023-2024 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, the purpose of this legislation is to honor and recognize the legacy and impact of Frankie Sue Del Papa at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and beyond as the University approaches its sesquicentennial celebrations;

Whereas, Frankie Sue Del Papa's outstanding contributions to the civic fabric of the state, her inspiring influence on women, and her historic role as a female student body president in ASUN history deserve commemoration;

Whereas, recognizing her as a trailblazer who broke the glass ceiling for women, for all women on campus and beyond, this legislation aims to acknowledge and support the impact that renaming the campus can have for women and women of color aspiring to leadership positions;

Whereas, based on the recorded history of ASUN presidents dating back to 1898, not including the years from 1874 until that record was established, it took 45 years for a woman to be elected student body president, it is an accomplishment and milestone worth celebrating as we come together to commemorate UNR's 150th anniversary;

Whereas, in 1943 and 1944, Helen Batjer and Leanore Hill became the first female presidents, marking pivotal moments in history. Despite limited records of their achievements, their impact remains profound.

The decision was made to rename the Presidents Conference Room after Ms. Del Papa for her outstanding and impactful work at ASUN and Nevada at large.

Whereas, Ms. Del Papa was the first female elected to two constitutional offices, including Secretary of State and Attorney General, having a statewide impact on business, law, politics, and elections;

Whereas, Ms. Del Papa served on the Board of Regents for the Nevada System of Higher Education, helping to steward Nevada's colleges and universities;

Whereas, Ms. Del Papa has taught generations of young people both formally as a mentor at the University of Nevada, Reno and through informal mentorship, recognizing the importance of cultivating a spirit of public service in future generations;

Whereas, as one of the founding board members of Nevada Women's Fund one of the first women's funds in the United States, Ms. Del Papa has long supported the professional success and educational attainment of women in Nevada, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds;

Whereas, this resolution is in support of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada renaming the President's Conference room to the Frankie Sue Del Papa President's Conference Room;

Whereas, this renaming is a tribute to Frankie Sue Del Papa's notable achievements, leadership, and dedication to fostering positive change on campus, the association, and in the broader community;

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada alongside the Frankie Sue Del Papa Honor Committee shall take necessary actions to implement the renaming and install new sign for the President's Conference room;

Whereas, adequate funds shall be allocated from the FSDP Honor committee budget to cover the expenses associated with the renaming and sign installation;

Whereas, this renaming will celebrate and highlight the contributions of Frankie Sue Del Papa, ensuring that her legacy is integrated into campus culture and curriculum;

Whereas, the work of FSDP with the Association and the University has left a lasting impact not only on the function and support of the organization and the University, but also had paved a way for more women and representation in office, especially within the President and Vice President roles of ASUN;

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Nevada will not be financially responsible for any of the project costs All such costs will be underwritten by fundraising conducted privately by individuals engaged in the effort to honor Frankie Sue Del Papa with a tribute in her honor in the ASUN Presidents' Conference Room;

Be it resolved that, this legislation shall be sent to the following individuals:

- Brian Sandoval, University President
- Boris Carpio Guerra, ASUN President

Adopted in Senate on April 3, 2024

Attest:

Ally Chavez, Senate Secretary

Fayza Salah, Speaker of the Senate