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WHEREAS, Professor Carol Decker has served Montgomery College with dedication and distinction, first as an adjunct faculty member for five years, and as a full-time faculty member for 18 years in the department of computer applications, now the department of computer science and information & interactive technologies, and retired as of January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Professor Decker served as chair of the department of computer applications for 12 years and as collegewide coordinator for computer applications for five years; and

WHEREAS, she led the department of computer applications through major curriculum and departmental changes during periods of rapid growth and downsizing; and

WHEREAS, her leadership as department chair included the reorganization of the computer applications department’s advisory committee, co-chairing the Montgomery College/Montgomery County Public Schools Cluster Advisory Board for Information Technology, and spearheading the development and offering of the computer gaming and web degrees and certificates; and

WHEREAS, Professor Decker has advised hundreds of students, mentored faculty members in computer applications, and provided professional support for part-time faculty members in her department; and

WHEREAS, Professor Decker was a life-long learner who participated in the Academy for Leadership and Development program, and continually developed her professional expertise by taking 39 courses at Montgomery College while also serving as faculty; and

WHEREAS, she utilized her expertise in computer applications to serve students and the community at large by creating and revising curricula and courses in Microsoft Office and Web; and

WHEREAS, Professor Decker coordinated the process of putting all courses in the information technology, administrative support technology, and web specialist certificates into web delivery format, and conducted numerous workshops to teach faculty to use technologies to enhance their daily work; and

WHEREAS, Professor Decker’s contributions have been recognized with a National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Outstanding Faculty Service Award; and

WHEREAS, she contributed to the College by serving on numerous campus and collegewide committees including the Collegewide Faculty Issues Committee, Career Council, Office Technology Certificate/Course Realignment Committee, Middle States Accreditation Committee, College Enrollment Management Committee, Center for Teaching and Learning Steering Committee, and the College Area Review Committee; and
WHEREAS, her service also included participation on the Rockville Faculty Council, Rockville Spring Quest Committee, Rockville Academic Community Colloquium, Rockville Campus 40th Anniversary Committee, Syllabus Committee, E-mail Advisory Committee, Technical Needs Committee, and the Part-time Faculty Study Committee; and

WHEREAS, Professor Decker shared her knowledge and expertise through presentations at the League for Innovation in Community Colleges, Maryland’s Association of Faculties for the Advancement of Community College Teaching Conference, the Montgomery County Commission for Women’s Counseling and Career Center, and the Mid-Atlantic Community College Technology Conference; and

WHEREAS, she gave presentations and workshops at Hagerstown Community College in Maryland, provided numerous workshops at the Montgomery College Center for Teaching and Learning, and published articles, including one in the Journal of Business Education; and

WHEREAS, Professor Decker served as one of two Montgomery College representatives at Maryland’s Distance Learning Consortium, the Faculty Online Technology Training Consortium and served on the Information Technology Institute Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, she contributed to the community by volunteering at the Montgomery Avenue Women’s Shelter and by serving as a member of the Girls in IT Task Force; and

WHEREAS, College policy provides for the awarding of a Bronze Medallion to recognize distinguished service to the College; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees’ policy provides that all faculty members and administrators holding faculty rank who retire with a minimum of ten years’ service with Montgomery College shall be designated faculty emeritus(a) with appropriate rank or title, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Instructional Dean, the Rockville Campus Vice President and Provost, the Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the President of the College recommend this public recognition of Professor Decker on the occasion of her retirement; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Trustees express their sincere appreciation of Professor Carol Decker for her many contributions to the College, and extend to her their best wishes that her retirement years be fulfilling and productive; and be it further

Resolved, That Professor Carol Decker is awarded the Bronze Medallion in recognition of her distinguished service to the College and community, and as an expression of gratitude for her dedication and professional commitment to the College; and be it further

Resolved, That Professor Carol Decker is granted the status of Professor Emerita, and that she be accorded such recognition and honors as may be appropriate to persons holding this rank; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution become a part of the minutes of this Board of Trustees meeting, and a copy of this resolution be presented to Professor Carol Decker.

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Resolution Number: 12-04-025  
Agenda Item Number: 5B  
Adopted on: 4/2/2012  
April 2, 2012

Subject: Retirement Recognition for Ms. June Clarke

WHEREAS, Ms. June Clarke has served Montgomery College with dedication and distinction for 12 years and retired from the College as of February 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, in her capacity as administrative aide in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Ms. Clarke contributed to the professional development of the College’s faculty through her team spirit, enthusiasm, resourcefulness, and willingness to assist faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke was held in high esteem by faculty and staff for her work efforts, ethics, and customer service skills; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke continued her professional growth by taking advantage of numerous professional development trainings, including supporting the College’s Safe Zone training; and

WHEREAS, the CTL director and the president of the College recommend this public recognition of Ms. Clarke on the occasion of her retirement; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Trustees express their sincere appreciation to Ms. June Clarke for her valuable contributions and service to the College, and also extend to her their best wishes for many happy and productive retirement years; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution become a part of the minutes of this Board of Trustees meeting, and a copy of the resolution be presented to Ms. June Clarke.

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