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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Luis A. Alejo, 30th Assembly District; and the Honorable William W. Monning, 17th Senatorial District; Relative to commending

ROBERT W. FAIRLIE, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert W. Fairlie, a distinguished California resident, has brought credit and distinction to himself through his career and civic achievements, and through his many activities, he has improved the quality of life within the local community and throughout the State, and it is appropriate to extend to him special honors and the highest commendations; and

WHEREAS Dr. Robert Fairlie received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics with honors from Stanford University in 1987 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics from Northwestern

University in 1994; that same year, he was hired as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of California (UC), Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Currently bringing distinction to himself as Professor and Chair of Economics at UC Santa Cruz, Dr. Fairlie has spent his career trying to identify strategies to reduce poverty and inequality, improve education and human capital, and increase job opportunities and entrepreneurship; he has taught economics, public policy, and statistics to thousands of students who have gone on to work in industry, government, and nonprofit organizations in California and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Widely sought out for his expertise, Dr. Fairlie has conducted numerous projects for the federal government including projects for the U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Labor, and National Science Foundation, and has testified to the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Department of Treasury, and California State Legislature on the digital divide, minority entrepreneurship, the wealth gap, and minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Dr. Fairlie has been involved in projects on entrepreneurship and small business training programs, low-income and minority students in California community colleges,

access to technology among disadvantaged middle school students in the Central Valley of California, and immigrant entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fairlie has published and circulated the findings from his research extensively in journals, books, and government reports, and this research has had an influence on statewide, national, and international public policy; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Dr. Fairlie has worked to help increase wages among low-skilled workers, the earnings of government workers, opportunities for starting businesses among dislocated workers, access to computers among low-income students, and access to contracting opportunities and capital for disadvantaged- and minority-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, Due to his incredible commitment of time and energy, Dr. Robert Fairlie has served as a worthy model for all public-spirited people of the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER LUIS A. ALEJO AND SENATOR WILLIAM W. MONNING, That Dr. Robert W. Fairlie be recognized for his innumerable achievements and meritorious service to the State of California and beyond, and conveyed best wishes that his indomitable efforts will continue for many years to come.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

Honorable Luis A. Alejo

30th Assembly District

Honorable William W. Monning

17th Senatorial District