RESOLUTION No. 2014-15-8

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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL

ACTION APPROVED: February 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill 27: Veterans Exemption from Non-Resident Tuition

WHEREAS, the Associated Students (AS) of Humboldt State University (HSU) is a recognized non-profit corporation, serving our membership of nearly 8,500 California State University students (CSU); and,

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 27 was introduced by Assembly Member Rocky Chávez on December 1, 2014, and would exempt non-resident Veterans from being charged non-resident tuition if they utilize GI Bill Education Benefits; and,

WHEREAS, The Associated Students recognize that Veterans return home from duty to every community, including the HSU campus, and that it is the responsibility of all communities to assist in meeting the needs of returning Service members; and

WHEREAS, AB 27 will facilitate the transition of Veterans from military duty into civilian professions, direct highly capable individuals with diverse skill sets towards the state of California, and pay respect where respect is due; and,

WHEREAS, the AS Constitution calls on Councilmembers to “be vocal on issues that protect and increase student rights” and to “actively seek institutional changes that serve to enhance the student environment”; and,

WHEREAS, the AS Governing Codes call on the External Affairs Officer to “[p]rovide the AS Council with complete and timely information and reports regarding meetings, pending state and national legislation affecting higher education and issues involving the CSU system”; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the members of the AS Council of HSU that we take a position of support on AB 27, and be it further

RESOLVED, by the members of the AS Council we request that the Assembly grant residency to our non-resident veterans who receive GI Bill Education Benefits and are continually enrolled for a one year period at the instructions of the University of California, the California State University or the California Maritime Academy, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Assembly Member Rocky Chávez, Assembly Member Jim Wood, Senator Mike McGuire, Senator Pro Tem Kevin De Leon, Speaker Toni G. Atkins, Chancellor Timothy White of CSU, President Lisa Rossbacher of HSU, and the President of the CSSA.

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