

RESOLUTION

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 18, 2022

JoAnna Gee Schoon

Irvine Valley College Outstanding Emeritus Teacher of the Year

WHEREAS, JoAnna Gee Schoon began her association with Irvine Valley College in 1993 as a Community Education instructor for Tai Chi classes; and

WHEREAS, JoAnna Gee Schoon teaches traditional taijiquan and qigong, as well as stretching exercises and specialized classes for those with balance and mobility challenges and chronic pain patients; and

WHEREAS, JoAnna Gee Schoon has taught part-time at Irvine Valley College since 2000 and was previously selected as Emeritus Faculty of the Year in 2014. She has a master's degree in bioengineering from the University of California, San Diego and worked in medical technology for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, JoAnna Gee Schoon is the Executive Vice President of the Guang Ping Yang T'ai Chi Association, where she is a lifetime certified trainer, and has served on their Board of Directors for six years. She is a former Gold Medalist and National Champion of the U.S. Wushu Kungfu Federation and a tournament judge for the International Chinese Martial Arts Club; and

WHEREAS, students praised JoAnna Gee Schoon's attention to detail, descriptive instructions, and deep knowledge. They also appreciate the videos and Zoom instruction she began offering during the pandemic. "This class has been a godsend to me, enhancing my stability and mobility after a stroke," one student noted; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the South Orange County Community College District do hereby commend and congratulate JoAnna Gee Schoon as the Irvine Valley College Outstanding Emeritus Teacher of the Year.

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