

Resolution Honoring the Memory and Legacy of Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon, Activist and Scholar

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon, born and raised in Stockton, California, a third-generation Pinay (Filipina American), graduated from Edison High School where she was president of the Asian Club, member of Student Council, and editor of the *Hi-Lite* newspaper;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon attended San Joaquin Delta college, served as editor of student paper *The Impact*, wrote for local paper *The Stockton Record*, and served as guest editor-in-chief of publication *Sassy Magazine*, highlighting Filipina American experiences and placing a Pinay on the cover for the first time on a national scale;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon transferred to UCLA in 1992 and had an indelible impact on the Bruin community and beyond;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon continued her passion for journalism and storytelling as a staff writer for *The Daily Bruin*;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon graduated *magna cum laude* in 1994 with a B.A. in History with a specialization in Asian American Studies;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon served as director of the Samahang Pilipino Education and Retention (SPEAR) Project, helping Pin@y undergrads stay in school while holistically balancing the demands of identity, family, and community;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon, an active member of Samahang Pilipino, as a poet and spoken word artist, penned and first performed some of her most well-known pieces at Ackerman Grand Ballroom and Kerckhoff Grand Salon;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon founded, along with her best friend and fellow transfer student Dr. Allyson Tintiangco-Cubales, the Pilipino Student Transfer Partnership (PTSP) in 1995, the first ethnic organization for transfer students, to hold space for Pin@y transfer students experiencing loneliness and alienation, and increase Pin@y transfer rates;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon graduated with her M.A. in Asian American Studies, and as part of her scholar work, co-produced the short film *Beats, Rhymes, and Resistance*, the first and definitive documentary on the impact of Filipinos in Hip Hop culture;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon in 1997 she accepted a fellowship to complete her Ph.D. in History at Stanford University, and is believed to be the first Pinay to earn this degree at Stanford;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon credits her UCLA experience with cultivating her drive to advocate for saving Stockton's Little Manila after learning the significance of her hometown on Filipino American history, and with her high school friend Dillon Delvo, co-founded the Little Manila Foundation;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon amongst her numerous awards, was recognized in 2003 by the UCLA Pilipino Alumni Association with the Distinguished Young Alumnus award;

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon joined the faculty of San Francisco State University in 2004 and was an Associate Professor of History with tenure, and for almost 20 years, in partnership with her best friend Dr. Allyson Tintiango Cubales, conducted public school teacher training in Filipina/o American/Asian American Studies, Ethnic Studies and United States history for public school teachers in San Francisco and Stockton, and for Pin@y Educational Partnerships (PEP);

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon's work is widely published, including *Filipinos in San Francisco* and *Filipinos in Stockton* which she co-authored, *Little Manila is in the Heart: The Making of the Filipino/a American Community in Stockton*, and co-authored *Journey for Justice: The Life of Larry Itliong*, the first Filipino-American History Children's book.

Whereas, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon passed away suddenly at the young age of 45 and is survived by her love, her *mahal*, Jesus Perez Gonzales, her mother Christine Bohulano Bloch, her sister Darleen Bohulano Mabalon, her godchild Tayondee Kelley, niece Nonaiya Kelley, and nephew Cayden Kelley and a big, beautiful family;

Let it be resolved, that Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon lived an incredible life of service, scholarship, friendship, community and love; that UCLA served a significant part of her growth as a leader, pioneer, and scholar; and that the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) recognizes and commends the tremendous impact of Dr. Dawn for generations to come.