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Resolution No. 25-118

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF CELESTA M. BILLECI'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO UC SANTA BARBARA'S ARTS & LECTURES IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Celesta M. Billeci has served with distinction as the Miller McCune Executive Director of UC Santa Barbara's Arts & Lectures for 25 seasons, leading with extraordinary vision, commitment, and passion that has profoundly enriched our community; and

WHEREAS, throughout Ms. Billeci's tenure, Arts & Lectures has grown into a dynamic and internationally acclaimed cultural powerhouse, bringing global performances and programs to the Santa Barbara community; and

WHEREAS, she has transformed the cultural landscape through her tireless efforts to present world-class artists, leaders, and innovators to our community, and put Santa Barbara on the map as a vital hub for the performing arts and public dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Billeci's deep belief in the power of the arts and thought-provoking conversations have earned her the admiration and respect of colleagues, artists, patrons, and residents alike, and her warm and engaging style transforms her audience into a community; and

WHEREAS, as Ms. Billeci steps down from her esteemed position, she leaves behind a legacy at Arts & Lectures – an organization that is thriving, resilient, inclusive, and poised to continue its mission well into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby commend Celesta M. Billeci for her outstanding leadership and her unwavering dedication to elevating the arts and ideas within our Santa Barbara community. The Board extends its sincere appreciation for her 25 years of distinguished service.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 3rd day of June 2025.