Resolution 5: In Recognition and Appreciation of Nancy Doolittle

Abstract: On the occasion of Pawprint editor Nancy Doolittle’s retirement, the Employee Assembly celebrates her long career and contributions to the staff community at Cornell.

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Whereas, the Employee Assembly was established to bring about a higher visibility for employees as community members, and to ensure a direct focus on the continued involvement of staff members in the governance of non-academic affairs and in the life of the university; and

Whereas, Nancy came to Cornell in 1986 as a production coordinator in Alumni Affairs and Development, moving in 1990 over to Human Resources, where she became director of communications. She joined the Cornell Chronicle in 2009; and

Whereas, as Pawprint editor and Chronicle staff writer, Nancy championed Cornell’s staff and their contributions to the university. Nancy has interviewed presidents and provosts, custodians and groundskeepers – and she has valued all of their work equally; and

Whereas, Nancy has written hundreds of stories, many on complex topics such as campus climate, Title IX, mental health, gorge safety and housing. She also has given us stories with heart, featuring winners of the George Peter Award for Dedicated Service and the Bartels Awards, and showcasing the giving spirit reflected in the Cornell Elves program and the annual United Way campaign.

Whereas, since 2010, Nancy served as an ex-officio member of the Employee Assembly and an adviser to its Communications and Awards committee, where her institutional knowledge and the relationships she built over the years were invaluable.

Whereas, Nancy retired from Cornell University on March 31, 2019.

Be it therefore resolved, the Assembly hereby publicly recognizes and thanks Nancy Doolittle for her 33 years of service to Cornell, her support of shared governance, and for her storytelling, which raised the visibility of the staff on campus and brought us closer together as a community.

Be it finally resolved, a copy of this resolution be presented to Martha Pollack, President; Mary Opperman, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer; Joel Malina, Vice President for University Relations; Karen Walters, Senior Director of News, Cornell Chronicle; and Nancy Doolittle.
Adopted by Vote of the Assembly (23-0-0), 5/01/2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

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