Resolution from the PRIM&R Board of Directors to Marky Pitts, CPIA

Whereas Ms. Pitts consults with universities, organizations, and companies on IACUC issues; and

Whereas Ms. Pitts previously served as the Director of the Animal Subjects Program at the UCSD for 18 years; and

Whereas Ms. Pitts was the Applied Research Ethics National Association’s (ARENA) seventh president in 1992; and

Whereas It was in the course of Ms. Pitts’ presidency that the ARENA membership first surpassed the 500 mark; and

Whereas During Ms. Pitts’ presidency, PRIM&R held its first full day IACUC meeting in March of 1992; and

Whereas Ms. Pitts was the recipient of PRIM&R’s Distinguished Service Award in 1999; and

Whereas Ms. Pitts was one of the co-authors of the ARENA Animal Care and Use Guidebook; and

Whereas Ms. Pitts has presented on various animal research-related issues at over 40 PRIM&R conferences and workshops; and

Whereas Ms. Pitts is the co-founder and an essential faculty member of the IACUC 101 Series; and

Whereas Ms. Pitts is also the co-founder and one of the core faculty members for PRIM&R’s Essentials for IACUC Administration; and

Whereas Ms. Pitts was the recipient of the ARENA Legacy Award in 2006; and

Whereas Ms. Pitts shared memories of her ARENA service by submitting the following note…”I hope we never lose the spirit of ARENA. It has been through working together that so much has been accomplished. We need to continue to support each other, provide educational opportunities for our members, and network in order to meet the research ethics challenges of the future. A wonderful outcome of working together professionally … has been the making and nurturing of lifelong friendships with very special people;”

Therefore be it resolved that the PRIM&R Board of Directors and staff on this third day of December, 2011, do hereby convey their heartfelt appreciation and boundless gratitude to Ms. Pitts for her long, loyal, and distinguished service to both ARENA and PRIM&R.