RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the Arnhold Dance Education Programs and the Arnhold Distinguished Lecturer in Dance Education at Hunter College.

EXPLANATION: Jody Gottfried Arnhold and John Arnhold pledged $1,000,000 in 2010 to the Hunter College Foundation, Inc. to establish the Arnhold Dance Education Programs and the Arnhold Distinguished Lecturer in Dance Education. To date, they have paid $250,000 of this pledge. The donors’ gift will be used to support the development and implementation of dance education degree programs in the Hunter College Department of Dance, including the establishment of the Arnhold Distinguished Lecturer in Dance Education and support for visiting artists, scholarships, productions of student works, master classes, and expenses incurred in connection with the renovation of the Hunter College dance studios. The three Dance Education Degree Programs were approved by the CUNY Board of Trustees on June 27, 2011.

Jody Gottfried Arnhold is the daughter of Hunter College alumna Lenora Marcus Gottfried, Hunter College Class of 1935, and the niece of Ruth and Frieda Gottfried, who also attended Hunter College in the 1930s. A former dancer and public school dance teacher, she is the founding Chairman of Hunter’s Dance Advisory Board. Ms. Arnhold is also Honorary Chairman of Ballet Hispanico, the Vice Chairman of The Center for Arts Education, the Secretary and Director of the 92nd Street Y, and the founding director of the Dance Education Laboratory. Her husband, John P. Arnhold, is the Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of First Eagle Funds, formerly known as Arnhold and S. Bleichroeder Advisers.

Jody and John Arnhold’s generous gift will enable Hunter College to offer its students the opportunity to pursue three different graduate degree programs, including a three year, B.A./M.A. and a two year M.A. in Dance Education, which will lead to certification to teach K-12 dance in New York City public schools, and a three year M.F.A. program, designed for professional dancers and college-level teaching.