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LOS RIOS BOARD NAMES REGIONAL PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY AFTER RETIRING CHANCELLOR

Sacramento—The Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees has named the regional fine and performing arts facility at Folsom Lake College the “Harris Center for the Arts” in honor of retiring chancellor Brice W. Harris. The honor was formally announced last night at a retirement reception for Dr. Harris attended by more than 400 community, business, government and education leaders and elected officials.

“We could think of no better way to honor Brice’s exceptional 16-year tenure as our chancellor,” said Los Rios Board president Ruth Scribner. “We wouldn’t even have a regional arts center if it wasn’t for Brice’s original vision. He was the first to see that the Folsom/El Dorado areas were woefully lacking in performing arts venues and led the district in creating a superior facility capable of showcasing not only student work but national and international touring companies as well.”

Dr. Harris has been a life-long supporter of the arts and has served on numerous art boards including the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra and the Crocker Art Museum. He began his educational career nearly 40 years ago as a theater arts professor.

“This is without doubt the biggest honor of my life,” said Harris. “These past 16 years have given me the opportunity to work with the most amazing people in a truly wonderful district and I can’t say how much it means to have this beautiful arts facility named in my honor. It is overwhelming.”

The facility, which has been called Three Stages, will transition to the new name over the coming months.

Dr. Harris was just recently named CEO of the Year for the Pacific Region by the national Association of Community College Trustees. The award will be given at the national

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conference in Boston in October. At that time, one of the five regional award recipients will be named National CEO of the Year.

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(Editors Note: For more information about Chancellor Harris' accomplishments, please see the attached press release that announced his retirement.)