September 28, 2000

Resolution FOR LORI BERENSON

Approved unanimously

Whereas Lori Berenson, an American citizen, has been illegally imprisoned by Peruvian authorities for more than four years, charged with treason and terrorism, and denied the right of due process, and

Whereas the Peruvian authorities recently admitted that Lori Berenson was not guilty of these charges, and

Whereas the Peruvian government has repeatedly given false information to the media concerning Lori Berenson's case, and

Whereas Lori Berenson is again being forced to submit to an unfair trial in a civilian court with inadequate legal counsel and under extreme duress, and

Whereas the admittance of non guilt on the part of the Peruvian authorities demands her immediate release, and

Whereas Lori Berenson's father and our colleague, a longstanding active member of PSC/CUNY and an outstanding faculty member of Baruch College, was devoted to his students and to open access, but was forced to retire early in order to seek Lori's freedom, and

Whereas Mark Berenson has asked for our assistance and monetary support,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Delegate Assembly of PSC/CUNY call upon President William Jefferson Clinton, Vice President Albert Gore, the Congress of the United States of America, the Organization of American States, and all other interested parties to seek the immediate release of Lori Berenson, and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that PSC/CUNY donate \$5,000.00 to the Free Lori Berenson Committee for the purpose of assisting Mark Berenson and Rhoda Berenson with the defense of their daughter, legal fees, air fare and other expenses.

Presented by Sylvia Rackow, Delegate, Baruch College Cecelia McCall, Secretary, PSCcuny