

RESOLUTION

COMMENDATION OF V. GORDON MOULTON AS PRESIDENT EMERITUS

WHEREAS, President Gordon Moulton has given 47 years of unwavering service to the University of South Alabama, and

WHEREAS, President Moulton joined USA in its infancy as one of the institution's early faculty members in business and computing, and

WHEREAS, in addition to his career as an educator that began at USA in 1966, Gordon Moulton has served in numerous leadership roles at the University, including director of the computer center, founding dean of the School of Computing, vice president for services and planning, and, for the past 15 years, as USA's second president, and

WHEREAS, long before being named president, Gordon Moulton was a vital force in the growth and progress of the University as a senior member of USA's central leadership team and a vital asset to the University's first president, and

WHEREAS, President Moulton, as USA's chief executive officer, has provided exceptional leadership to the University, raising it to unprecedented levels of accomplishment in all of its missions – teaching, research, service, and health care – and touching the lives of countless people served by the institution, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Moulton, the University has achieved significant milestones in every area, including student enrollment and graduation, academic program development, health care delivery, enhancement of student life and the campus environment, research funding, private sector giving, community involvement and economic enhancement, and

WHEREAS, during President Moulton's tenure, the University has experienced unprecedented growth as demonstrated by the 15,000 students enrolled at the institution, 75,000 degrees awarded throughout its history, and 250,000 patients treated each year by the USA Health System, and

WHEREAS, this region has been forever enhanced by the many innovations championed by President Moulton, including the creation and development of the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute and the USA Technology and Research Park, as well as a major expansion of the USA Children's and Women's Hospital, along with many other contributions to education, health care, art and cultural opportunities, economic development, and an enhanced quality of life for all citizens, and

WHEREAS, under the direction of President Moulton, the University has been transformed by \$500 million in campus construction, physical improvements, and beautification projects that have touched every academic area and mission of USA, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Geri Moulton likewise has contributed generously of her many talents, time, and energy to countless University projects, including the Geri Moulton Children's Park, and has advocated for many worthy causes on behalf of both the University and the Mobile community, and

WHEREAS, in addition to their years of service, the Moultons have supported USA with more than \$7 million in gifts toward numerous institutional priorities, including the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute, Moulton Tower and Alumni Plaza, Geri Moulton Children's Park at USA Children's and Women's Hospital, student scholarships, faculty support, USA's creative writing program, athletics and many others, and

WHEREAS, President Moulton is one of Alabama's leading champions of higher education, whose advocacy for advanced learning has made a transformational positive impact on the quality of life of countless people across the state of Alabama, the Gulf Coast region, and the nation, and

WHEREAS, the Civitan Club of Mobile has recognized President Moulton by naming him the 2002 Mobilian of the Year on the basis of his efforts to maximize the University's positive impact on meeting the needs of the Mobile region, and

WHEREAS, the Moultons' service was forever commemorated in 2009 with the naming by USA's Board of Trustees of the new landmark Gordon and Geri Moulton Bell Tower and Alumni Plaza, and

WHEREAS, President Moulton's longtime commitment to the University and to enhancing higher education opportunities has been acknowledged by Mobile businessman and philanthropist Abraham "Abe" Mitchell, whose state record-setting \$50 million gift during USA's 50th Anniversary celebration in 2013 will be used in part to provide support for thousands of students now and in the future through the Mitchell-Moulton Scholarship Initiative, and

WHEREAS, President Moulton has been a worthy steward of the public trust in steering the University on a positive course for 15 years and leaving it well prepared for the future, as acknowledged by numerous outside observers, including a recent and highly successful 10-year accreditation review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and

WHEREAS, President Moulton has announced his retirement from the University effective July 1, 2013,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees extends its utmost appreciation to President Moulton for his leadership and outstanding service to the University of South Alabama, and extends its sincere and heartfelt best wishes to him and his wife, Geri, in their retirement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board wishes to acknowledge the transformational positive impact President Moulton has made on the quality of life of countless people across the Gulf Coast region, the nation, and the world by conferring upon him the title, President Emeritus of the University of South Alabama, with all the privileges pertaining thereto, effective July 1, 2013.