WHEREAS for the 2007 legislative session Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco requested over $154 million in new monies for higher education in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS the members of the Florida Parishes Legislative Delegation were instrumental in securing passage of the appropriations for higher education, and

WHEREAS the Commissioner of Higher Education and his staff, the staff of the University of Louisiana System, and individual members of the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors, and the President of Southeastern also argued persuasively for the appropriation of these funds, and

WHEREAS those appropriations resulted in an average raise of 7.25 percent for Southeastern faculty as well as other improvements to enhance Southeastern’s new role as a selective doctoral-granting institution, and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate of Southeastern Louisiana University express the faculty’s appreciation for this significant financial support of higher education in Louisiana;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate direct its President to convey the faculty’s appreciation to Governor Blanco, to the members of the Florida Parishes Legislative Delegation, to Commissioner Joseph Savoie, to the Board of Regents and its staff, and to the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System and its staff.