

Faculty Senate Resolution 08-09-01

Recognition of Dr Randy Moffett

THE FACULTY SENATE OF SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING DR. RANDY MOFFETT FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AS PRESIDENT OF SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY AND ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

WHEREAS Dr. Randy Moffett was appointed as the President of the University of Louisiana System in June 2008 after having served at Southeastern Louisiana University for 32 years as a faculty member and administrator; and

WHEREAS Southeastern Louisiana University flourished under his astute leadership as its 13th President from January 2001 to June 2008; and

WHEREAS during his tenure, the University encouraged academic excellence by steadily raising selective admissions requirements, successfully recruiting better prepared students, and instituting innovative scholarship programs designed to encourage retention and progression; and

WHEREAS in February 2006 the Board of Regents approved Southeastern's first doctoral program; and

WHEREAS Southeastern became the first public university in the United States to be recognized for Latin American programs by the Ibero-American Council for Excellence in Education; and

WHEREAS the learning environment has been enhanced by the construction or renovation of several classroom buildings, the purchase of modern electronic and laboratory equipment, the replacement of old dormitories with privatized housing complexes, the continued beautification of the campus, and the installation of a new emergency alert system; and

WHEREAS Dr. Moffett strengthened the University's relationship with the region's legislative delegation and worked diligently to obtain increased funding of Southeastern's operating budget, including an additional \$22.4 million in 2007; and

WHEREAS Dr. Moffett consistently sought to provide annual raises to faculty and unclassified staff; and

WHEREAS the University has served the broader community through such initiatives as the Southeast Louisiana Business Center, Columbia Theatre, the Southeastern Channel, the Livingston Parish Literacy and Technology Center, and the return of football after an 18-year absence; and

WHEREAS in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, Dr. Moffett mobilized faculty and staff to reopen Southeastern within one week and invited 1,600 students evacuated from south shore colleges and universities to spend their fall semester here; and

WHEREAS during those stressful weeks in Fall 2005, he led through the example of his poise, efficiency, and compassion:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate of Southeastern Louisiana University would like to thank and commend Dr. Randy Moffett for his leadership and vision as Southeastern's President and wish him continued success as President of the University of Louisiana System.

[Adopted by the Faculty Senate on 2008 August 27]