



RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND
CONCERNING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF

Dr. Thelma B. Thompson
University of Maryland Eastern Shore

WHEREAS, Dr. Thelma Thompson served as President of University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) from July 1, 2002 to August 15, 2011, during which time UMES grew both physically and intellectually, enhancing opportunities for students while also strengthening the region's and the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Thompson's tenure, UMES gained national recognition for its wide array of programs, including engineering and aviation science, construction-management technology, hotel and restaurant management, professional golf management, and its new doctoral program in pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with UMES's long-standing commitment to service, Dr. Thompson built upon the institution's reputation for not simply being in the community, but rather part of the community; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Thompson's leadership and intense focus on academic quality and integrity, UMES has consistently earned *U.S. News & World Report's* ranking as one of the country's best historically black institutions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson has effectively carried out the duties and responsibilities conferred upon her by the Board of Regents in such a manner that her contributions will make a difference for years to come,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland gratefully acknowledges Dr. Thelma Thompson's outstanding contributions to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, the University System of Maryland and to the entire State of Maryland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Regents extends its best wishes for success in all her future endeavors, and its sincere gratitude for her dedicated service.

Clifford Kendall
Chairman, Board of Regents

William E. Kirwan
Chancellor, University System
of Maryland

June 17, 2011

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