

**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

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**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, 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 success in every area, including student enrollment and graduation, academic program development, faculty development, enhancement of student life and the campus environment, research funding, private sector giving, community service, 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 through the University, 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 Health Research Park, as well as a major expansion of the USA Children's and Women's Hospital, along with numerous contributions to education, health care, art and cultural opportunities, economic development, and quality of life for all citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, under the direction of President Moulton, the University has been transformed through extensive campus construction, physical improvements, and beautification projects that have touched every corner of the mission of USA, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Geri Moulton likewise has contributed generously of her many talents to the University through countless University projects, including the Geri Moulton Children's Park, and has advocated for mobile health care 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 many generous gifts toward numerous institutional priorities, including the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute, Moulton Plaza, Geri Moulton Children's Park at USA Children's and Women's Hospital, student scholarships, and USA's creative writing program, athletics and many others, and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Moultons' service was forever commemorated in 2009 with the naming of the 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 the quality of life opportunities has been acknowledged by Mobile businessman and philanthropist Abraham "Abe" J. J. record-setting \$50 million gift during USA's 50

<sup>th</sup> 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.