

RESOLUTION
HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE FOR MR. MAYER MITCHELL

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama seeks to honor exceptional individuals who have given a substantial part of their lives to serving others and who have distinguished themselves throughout their professional careers, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mayer Mitchell earned a Bachelor of Science degree with honors at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance and served as First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army in Korea, earning commendations for meritorious service, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell has achieved regional and national recognition for his leadership in business and finance and served as founder, chairman and CEO of one of the Southeast's largest residential and commercial real estate firms, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell has made extraordinary contributions to the citizens of Mobile, the State of Alabama and to the nation through his leadership and philanthropy, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell has provided unwavering leadership and support of the University of South Alabama, having served as a member of the Board of Trustees for 32 years, including one term as chairman, and served as Chair of the Budget and Finance and the Health Affairs Committees, and currently serves as Chair of the Endowment and Investments Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Mitchell family's philanthropic support of the University of South Alabama represents the greatest amount of combined giving by one family to a single public university in Alabama, and

WHEREAS, the Mitchell family has given more than \$36.6 million in support of the University of South Alabama's Cancer Research Institute, College of Business, and sports arena, all of which the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees resolved to bear the name *Mitchell* as testaments to their generosity, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell's generous philanthropic and leadership service has included Alabama Power Company, Wright School, Bishop State Community College, Leukemia Society of America, USA Foundation, AmSouth Bank, Altus Bank, Mobile Area United Way, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, Congregation Ahavas Chesed, Mobile Jewish Welfare Fund, Mobile Federation of Jewish Charities, Mobile County Real Estate Association, Archives of American Art, Anti-Defamation League, and The Banc Corporation, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell is the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the USA National Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding Young Men of America, Jewish Welfare Fund Man of the Year, Prichard Honorary Citizen of the Year, and Mobile County Realtor of the Year; and high honors from the Boys Clubs of Mobile, Bishop State Community College, University of Rochester, New Orleans Chapter of Hadassah, Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind, Mobile Kiwanis Club, and the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for his extraordinary contributions and commitment to the University of South Alabama and to the advancement of new knowledge in the diagnosis, treatment and cure of cancer, and for his dedication to and support of the education of business professionals, and for his many local, national and international philanthropic endeavors, the University of South Alabama is pleased to bestow upon you, this day, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), *honoris causa*.