

RESOLUTION

**APPRECIATION TO SENATOR RICHARD C. SHELBY AND DR. ANNETTE N. SHELBY
FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, United States Senator Richard C. Shelby and Dr. Annette N. Shelby have been longtime supporters of the University of South Alabama and its academic programs, and

WHEREAS, Senator Shelby and Dr. Shelby, in May 2006, were awarded Honorary Doctorates by the University in recognition of their exemplary leadership, accomplishments, and contributions to higher education, both within the state of Alabama and nationally, and

WHEREAS, in February 2007, the USA National Alumni Association also presented Senator Shelby with its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, and

WHEREAS, Senator Shelby has been instrumental in helping USA secure federal funding for numerous projects, supporting areas such as the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute, USA Transit System, Telemedicine, Center for Estuarine Research, Oyster Bed Restoration, Coastal Weather Research Center, Youth Violence Prevention, Rural Vehicular Trauma Study, Coastal Engineering, Hurricane Intensity Research, High Peak Power Plasma Thruster, Mitchell College of Business, High Strength Composite Materials, and many others, and

WHEREAS, Senator Shelby has also advanced the University's core missions of teaching, research, and service by helping to secure more than \$40 million in federal funding for Shelby Hall, a new state-of-the-art facility that houses the College of Engineering and the School of Computing, and

WHEREAS, the 155,000-square-foot building features technologically advanced multimedia classrooms, laboratory space, study rooms and computing facilities, enhancing the quality of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education, and

WHEREAS, this world-class engineering and computer science facility will help the University attract the best and brightest students and faculty, thus securing a better future for Mobile and the state of Alabama, and

WHEREAS, Shelby Hall is expected to spur local economic development by providing industry with highly qualified engineers and computing science professionals, creating new technology, and attracting and sustaining high-quality jobs, and

WHEREAS, new partnerships between student and faculty researchers and industry will form as a result of this new facility, providing real-world learning experiences for USA students and ensuring continued growth of the Gulf Coast economy, and

WHEREAS, the dedication of Shelby Hall marks a new era for the University and the Mobile region, forever improving the infrastructure for engineering and computer science education,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it is with great pride that the Shelby name will forever be a part of the University of South Alabama landscape by virtue of a prior resolution from the USA Board of Trustees naming Shelby Hall in their honor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University family wishes to again express its deepest affection and appreciation for the transformational impact Senator Richard C. Shelby and Dr. Annette N. Shelby have had upon all levels of education in Alabama and across the nation.