

RESOLUTION

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

WHEREAS, Gordon Moulton has given more than 46 years of unwavering service to the University of South Alabama, joining USA in its infancy as one of the institution's early faculty members in business and computing, and

WHEREAS, in addition to his career as an educator that began at USA in 1966, Gordon Moulton has served in numerous leadership roles at the University, including director of the computer center, founding dean of the School of Computing, vice president for services and planning, and, for the past 15 years, as USA's second president, and

WHEREAS, long before being named president, Gordon Moulton was a vital force in the growth and progress of the University as a senior member of USA's central leadership team and a vital asset to the University's first president, and

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 diverse missions – teaching, research, service, and health care – touching the lives of countless people served by the institution, and

WHEREAS, President Moulton is one of Alabama's leading champions of higher education, whose advocacy for advanced learning has improved the lives of all citizens, and

WHEREAS, President Moulton believes it is now timely to transition the leadership of the University of South Alabama to a new president, and

WHEREAS, President Moulton has expressed his desire to retire from the University of South Alabama effective July 1, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires that President Moulton's current leave be extended until his retirement date, during which time President Moulton has committed to continue to be a resource to the University, and

WHEREAS, the Chair Pro Tempore of the Board has requested and received a commitment from Dr. John W. Smith, vice president for student affairs and special assistant to the president, to continue as acting president until such time that USA's third president is selected and begins service, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to take all actions necessary to commence with a national search to select a president to sustain the remarkable progress and momentum attained under President Moulton,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is with consummate respect and appreciation that the Board does hereby accept President Moulton's retirement effective July 1, 2013, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, consistent with the terms detailed above, the Board does hereby extend President Moulton's leave, continue the appointment of Dr. John W. Smith as acting president, and authorize commencement of the search process for a University president, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board and the entire University of South Alabama family will seek appropriate opportunities to honor and celebrate the many contributions of President Moulton and his wife, Geri, including a special tribute at USA's 50th Anniversary celebration on May 3, 2013, a fitting time to acknowledge a lifetime of good works that have played such a significant role in the growth and progress of the University of South Alabama, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees does hereby extend its heartfelt gratitude to President Moulton and Geri for their many years of service that have helped the University of South Alabama over the past five decades to make a transformational positive impact on the quality of life of countless people across the Gulf Coast region, the nation, and the world.