

## **Faculty Senate Resolution Honoring President R. Gerald Turner on His Retirement**

**Whereas**, Dr. R. Gerald Turner has served with distinction as the 10<sup>th</sup> President of Southern Methodist University (SMU) for three decades, from 1995 to 2025, shaping the institution's growth, reputation, and academic excellence;

**Whereas**, under President Turner's leadership, SMU has experienced significant advancements in academic programs, research initiatives, and campus development, including the expansion of campus facilities that have greatly enriched the student experience;

**Whereas**, President Turner has been instrumental in securing funding for academic scholarships, faculty research, and the university's long-term financial stability, enhancing the university's mission and ensuring its continued success for generations of students, faculty, and staff;

**Whereas**, President Turner's leadership has been marked by his deep dedication to the values of higher education and his belief in role of universities to serve as a forum for dialogue and debate in our society;

**Whereas**, President Turner has been a trusted and respected leader within the broader academic community, participating in national conversations on higher education policy, and serving in numerous roles with regional and national organizations;

**Whereas**, his contributions to the university and to higher education as a whole have left an indelible mark on SMU's legacy and future;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Faculty Senate of Southern Methodist University honors Dr. R. Gerald Turner for his exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to the university, its faculty, staff, and students, and for his tireless efforts to advance t[(t)0.2 0.2M( ( t) 0.: