Resolution

WHEREAS, Dr. James B. "Jimmy" Epting has served the Lord with his life and talents and has been in the service of North Greenville University almost continuously since 1979, the last 24 years as NGU's seventh president, and

WHEREAS, as president, Dr. Epting led a struggling two-year North Greenville College with a student body of a little more than 300 students to University status which serves and ministers to over 2,600 undergraduate, graduate, and online students, and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Epting's leadership the university's endowment has grown from \$2 million to more than \$25 million, forty new buildings have been constructed along with 6 major building renovations, and the institution's long-term debt on facilities has been completely eliminated, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Epting has directed NGU through two major capital campaigns with the current G.I.F.T. God Capital Campaign quickly approaching its new Hallelujah Goal of \$42.7million, and

WHEREAS, the dedicated and devoted services of Dr. and Mrs. Epting will be forever remembered and memorialized with the completion of the 5,000 seat Jimmy and Gretchen Epting Arena and Worship Center, and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities will miss the advice and counsel of a respected fellow Board member, colleague, mentor, and friend; and,

WHEREAS, upon his retirement as president, we wish Dr. Epting good health, happiness, and fulfillment in all his future pursuits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers, Board, and Staff of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities do salute Dr. Jimmy Epting and join our names among the many who celebrate his tremendous accomplishments and dedicated years of service.

In Witness whereof we have signed our names to this Resolution on this 29th day of April, 2015, and presented it to Dr. Epting in an assembly of family and friends at North Greenville University.

Kathleen C. McKinney Chair Michael Grant LeFever President & CEO

