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HJR___ COMMENDING DR. CHARLOTTE P. MORRIS FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, with very special pleasure, Tuskegee University's Ninth President, Charlotte P. Morris, who has served the university faithfully for almost 40 years in different capacities, is heartily commended for her long and storied career; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, she led the development of the five-year strategic plan, which set the university's direction and celebrated a very significant increase in research grants awarded to the university, including some focusing on health disparities for African Americans in general and others targeting cancer in the Black community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morris was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi, and graduated from Jackson State University, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Education; she subsequently earned a Master's Degree from Delta State University, followed by a PhD in Education and Business Management from Kansas State University; she has completed additional graduate-level coursework at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education's Institute for Educational Management, higher education administration coursework at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and



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29 summer institutes in curriculum development in higher
30 education; and

31 WHEREAS, she joined the Tuskegee Institute as a
32 faculty member of the now Andrew F. Brimmer College of
33 Business and Information Science; in 1987, she began serving
34 as Executive Associate/Chief of Staff to the University
35 President and Secretary to the University's Board of
36 Trustees, duties she faithfully performed for 23 years;
37 during the last eight years in that position, she also
38 served as the Director of the University's Title III Program
39 and as Chair of the University's Convocations and Special
40 Events Committee; and

41 WHEREAS, Dr. Morris served as associate dean and
42 professor of management at Brimmer College until 2016, when
43 she was appointed as the college's interim dean; and

44 WHEREAS, throughout her career, she has been held in
45 highest esteem and in 2010 and also in 2020 she served
46 Tuskegee University as interim president; on August 1, 2021,
47 she began her tenure as President of Tuskegee University;
48 and

49 WHEREAS, Dr. Morris has earned widespread admiration
50 and respect through the years for her tireless dedication
51 and exceptional abilities; her record of excellence reflects
52 immense credit not only to Tuskegee University, but upon the
53 entire State of Alabama, and she is truly deserving of
54 special recognition; now therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
56 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Charlotte P. Morris is



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57 highly honored and commended on the occasion of her
58 retirement from Tuskegee University, and this resolution is
59 offered to her in deepest admiration and appreciation, along
60 with sincere best wishes for the future.