

AN HONORARY RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT GEOFFREY MEARNS FOR HIS SERVICE TO NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS: President Geoffrey Mearns has served as the President of Northern Kentucky University since August 1, 2012, and

WHEREAS: Under President Mearns' leadership, Northern Kentucky University has experienced record numbers of degrees awarded as well as improvements in retention, and

WHEREAS: During his tenure, the Northern Kentucky University campus has undergone a plethora of improvements including but not limited to: an expansive renovation of the Campus Recreation Center, beginning construction on a new Health Innovation Center, the opening of the University's newest residence hall Northern Terrace, and renovations to campus dining options such as Norse Commons and the Callahan Bistro, and

WHEREAS: President Mearns played a crucial role in the development of the University's latest strategic plan, Fuel the Flame, and

WHEREAS: President Mearns led the University's transition into NCAA Division I athletics and also was an integral part of the transition into the Horizon League, and

WHEREAS: President Mearns has been a tireless advocate for the University with regards to the state government, securing a \$97 million state investment for the aforementioned Health Innovation Center in 2014, as well as securing an additional \$5.1 million in state operating funds in 2016, and

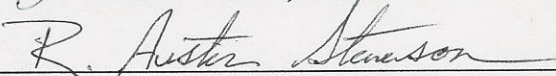
WHEREAS: President Mearns also helped to secure a private donation of \$8 million, the second largest in school history, for the aforementioned Health Innovation Center, and

WHEREAS: The student body has had the good fortune of attending this University under his leadership. He will be greatly missed by the Northern Kentucky University community, and we wish him luck in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS DAY OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES PRESIDENT GEOFFREY MEARNS FOR HIS SERVICE TO NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.

Signed: 

John William Weber, President

Attest: 

R. Austin Stevenson, Chief of Staff, Senator