

Resolution

WHEREAS Dr. Walt Griffin has served with distinction as President of Limestone College since 1992, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues, peers, and students; and

WHEREAS Dr. Griffin is an accomplished scholar, educator, and author who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Loyola College in Baltimore and Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees at the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS under Dr. Griffin's twenty-five years of leadership, enrollment grew from 900 to more than 3,300, full-time faculty increased from 29 to 101, intercollegiate athletic teams expanded from 8 to 25, the operating budget increased 10 fold from \$5.6 million to over \$50 million, 18 new buildings were constructed or acquired, and almost \$15 million was added to the endowment; and

WHEREAS Dr. Griffin created significant opportunities for working adults to attain a post-secondary education by transforming Limestone's Block Program into an Extended Campus with classrooms in Aiken, Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Gaffney, and Greenville and by creating one of the nation's first Virtual Campuses by using the internet to deliver class room content on-line; and

WHEREAS Dr. Griffin's late wife, Penni, was a vital part of Limestone's growth and progress, especially her contributions towards the accreditation of the College's Social Work program; 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 our friend and colleague Walt Griffin great success, good health, happiness, and personal and professional fulfillment,

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

In Witness whereof we have signed our names this 26th day of September, 2017, at a meeting of the SCICU Board of Trustees at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.



Jim Reynolds
Chair, Board of Trustees



Mike LeFever
President & CEO

