



RESOLUTION

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Whereas, you served as president of Hollins University from July 1981 until August 1990, demonstrating extraordinary leadership, vision, and resilience in immeasurable ways. You were beloved by your students and were given the nickname “PPB,” a nickname that you still carry today; *and*

Whereas, the legacy of your leadership and undying commitment to academic excellence remains imminent today, in part due to the creation of the first endowed faculty development fund launch by a \$1 million gift and doubling the endowment. Your incredible devotion and pioneering efforts to develop collaborations with the Roanoke community, Roanoke College, and Virginia Western Community College, and cofounding the Roanoke Educational Consortium, cemented Hollins as a pillar in the community. Your unprecedented vision and ability to develop these strategic alliances still reverberate in this moment; *and*

Whereas, memories from your leadership have left an indelible impact on the community. Symbolically, one could look no further than “The Rock” that received its first coat of paint during your tenure and more than 40 years later, it’s still one of Hollins’ most beloved campus landmarks. Hollinsummer, computational science, and communication studies made their debut while you were at the helm, examples of your strong commitment to strategic planning for Hollins; *and*

Whereas, your impenetrable leadership was a fitting match for the Flood of ’85 and the winds of Hurricane Hugo in 1989. You restored, preserved, and created facilities to include the Kirby Riding Ring, an indoor swimming pool, upgraded gymnasium, fitness center, new tennis courts, and the beautification and functionality of Front Quad. All of which hold a piece of history for students past and present; *and*

Whereas, the gift of your daughter, who keeps watch over the great work you started, has extended your heart for Hollins through her leadership and service. Without question, you are revered and beloved; *and now therefore be it*

Resolved, that Hollins has benefited from your bold, progressive, collaborative, and innovative leadership. As our seventh president, you brought preeminence to Hollins. You reflect the epitome of Hollins women everywhere. Indeed, we are beyond lucky and exceptionally proud. Named President Emeritus, the Board of Trustees expresses its deepest gratitude for your stellar leadership and commitment to Hollins throughout your presidency and beyond.

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by Debra Meade, chair, Hollins Board of Trustees