

**Resolution of the Faculty Senate of Southern Methodist University
Honoring the Leadership, Vision and Service of Caren H. Prothro
April 30, 2014**

WHEREAS, Caren H. Prothro has provided distinguished leadership and exceptional service to Southern Methodist University (SMU) as Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2010 through 2014, a period of unprecedented expansion of the University's academic stature and global visibility; and

WHEREAS, Caren H. Prothro has been a member of the Board of Trustees of SMU since 1992 and served as Vice-Chair of the Board from 1996 through 2000; and

WHEREAS, Caren H. Prothro has been a tireless advocate for focusing on academic excellence and reputation as the highest priorities of the university; and

WHEREAS, Caren H. Prothro has played an important role in guiding the ongoing Second Century Campaign to great success that has, in particular, yielded new scholarships and endowed chaired professorships that can transform the academic standing of the university; and

WHEREAS, Caren H. Prothro has strongly pushed for improvement of student quality, for greater investment in doctoral and other graduate programs, for attracting and retaining outstanding faculty and for building state of the art research infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Caren H. Prothro has been a passionate proponent of education in the liberal arts and sciences and a strong supporter of various critical initiatives in the Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences such as the Dedman College Scholars Program, the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Dallas Chapter and the Interdisciplinary Institute; and

WHEREAS, Caren H. Prothro has endowed the Vin Prothro Chair in Biological Sciences; the Ruth Altshuler Interdisciplinary Chair in Cities, Regions and Globalization; and graduate fellowships and undergraduate scholarships in Biological Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Caren H. Prothro has contributed generously to graduate fellowships in Art History, undergraduate scholarship funds and other initiatives in the Meadows School of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Caren H. Prothro has been engaged and committed in her support of the Perkins School of Theology in various ways including contributions to renovation and construction; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of Southern Methodist University, on April 30, 2014, honors Caren H. Prothro for her vision, service and leadership, and expresses the gratitude of the faculty for her magnanimous contributions to the academic growth of the university.