



SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

RESOLUTION HONORING R. GERALD TURNER

PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Dr. R. Gerald Turner has served with distinction as the 10th President of Southern Methodist University (SMU) since 1995, shaping the institution's growth, reputation, and academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, under President Turner's three decades of leadership, SMU has experienced significant advancements in academic programs, research initiatives and campus development, including facility additions and renovations that have greatly enriched the student experience; and

WHEREAS, President Turner has been instrumental in securing funds for academic scholarships, faculty research and the University's long-term financial stability, championing its mission and ensuring its continued success for future generations of students, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, President Turner's tenure has been marked by his profound dedication to the values of higher education and his belief in the role of universities as a forum for dialogue and debate in modern society; and

WHEREAS, President Turner has been a trusted and respected leader within the broader academic community, participating in national conversations on higher education policy and serving in numerous roles with regional and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, his contributions to the University and to higher education have left an indelible mark on SMU's legacy and future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of Southern Methodist University honors Dr. R. Gerald Turner for his exceptional leadership, his tireless work to advance the University's mission and his unwavering dedication to its faculty, staff and students. We extend our deepest gratitude for his service and our best wishes in his well-deserved transition to President Emeritus at SMU.

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RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. GAIL TURNER

FIRST LADY OF SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gail Turner, First Lady of Southern Methodist University (SMU), has demonstrated exceptional leadership, compassion and commitment to the University and community, enhancing the reputation of SMU and Dallas through her tireless philanthropic work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Turner has long been a beacon of hope and strength for women and children affected by human trafficking as the co-founder of New Friends New Life (NFNL), a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing restorative services, education and empowerment for survivors of trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Turner has served as a leader and active member on several boards, including executive boards for SMU's Meadows School of the Arts and Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development, as well as external organizations including the Shelter Ministries of Dallas, Austin Street Center and Genesis Women's Shelter & Support; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Turner's extraordinary service has been recognized by the Dallas Women's Foundation, which awarded her the 2018 Maura Women Helping Women Award for her outstanding leadership and advocacy on behalf of women and girls; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Turner has become a beloved member of the SMU arts community not only for her volunteer service but also as an active painter who regularly participates in classes at the Meadows School; and

WHEREAS, her contributions to the University and to the wider community have left an indelible mark on SMU's legacy and future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of Southern Methodist University is pleased to honor Mrs. Gail Turner for her outstanding leadership, philanthropic contributions and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others both at SMU and throughout the Dallas region.

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