Whereas: Russ Willis is a distinguished graduate of The University of Southern Mississippi;

Whereas: Russ Willis has served The University of Southern Mississippi with distinction since 1992;

Whereas: Russ Willis served The University of Southern Mississippi as Associate Director of Human Resources from 1992 until 1997;

Whereas: Russ Willis served The University of Southern Mississippi as Director of Human Resources for eight years;

Whereas: Russ Willis served as Interim Vice President and Vice President for Administrative Affairs from 2010 until 2012;

Whereas: Russ Willis has been supportive of both faculty and staff in times when the university community urgently needed administrative support;

Whereas: Russ Willis has served four university presidents with loyalty, integrity and competence;

Whereas: Russ Willis has demonstrated a tireless commitment to The University of Southern Mississippi over two decades;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

The Faculty Senate of The University of Southern Mississippi commends Russ Willis for his service to this institution;

Further,

The Faculty Senate expresses its appreciation to Russ Willis for his unwavering support of faculty and staff;

Further,

The Faculty Senate wishes Russ Willis continued success in his new position with The University Foundation;

And Further,

The Faculty Senate expresses its hope that there be a long and continued association between Russ Willis and The University of Southern Mississippi.