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14 Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Newton, Nordgren, Patterson,  
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16 (O), Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Shedd, Shiver, Standridge,  
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8 HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER  
9 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA PRESIDENT GORDON MOULTON.

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama lost a giant in the  
12 realm of education with the death of former University of  
13 South Alabama President Gordon Moulton on September 28, 2013,  
14 at the age of 73 years; and

15 WHEREAS, he retired on July 1, 2013, after 15 years  
16 as president and a total of 47 years of unwavering service to  
17 the University of South Alabama, having joined USA in its  
18 infancy as one of the institution's early faculty members in  
19 business and computing; and

20 WHEREAS, through the years, he served in numerous  
21 leadership roles at the University, including director of the  
22 computer center, founding dean of the School of Computing, and  
23 vice president for services and planning; and

24 WHEREAS, long before being named president, Mr.  
25 Moulton was a vital force in the growth and progress of the  
26 University as a senior member of USA's central leadership team  
27 and a vital asset to the University's first president; and

1               WHEREAS, as USA's chief executive officer, Mr.  
2 Moulton provided exceptional leadership to the University,  
3 raising it to unprecedented levels of accomplishment in all  
4 its diverse missions; and

5               WHEREAS, the University was transformed under  
6 President Moulton, including construction and improvements  
7 throughout the campus and significant milestones in every  
8 area, including student enrollment and graduation, academic  
9 program development, enhancement of student life and the  
10 campus environment, research funding, private sector giving,  
11 community involvement, economic enhancement, and health care,  
12 with the USA Health System attaining paramount importance; and

13              WHEREAS, the Civitan Club of Mobile recognized  
14 President Moulton by naming him the 2002 Mobilian of the Year  
15 on the basis of his efforts to maximize the University's  
16 positive impact on meeting the needs of the Mobile region,  
17 with contributions to cultural activities and economic  
18 development as well as education and health care; and

19              WHEREAS, he was one of Alabama's leading champions  
20 of higher education and his advocacy for advanced learning  
21 improved the lives of all Alabamians; he was also a visionary  
22 and a philanthropist of great generosity in numerous realms;  
23 and

24              WHEREAS, few individuals have approached the  
25 accomplishments and contributions of Gordon Moulton, and  
26 although his presence is greatly missed, his legacy will

1       endure and his memory will be cherished in the hearts of those  
2       who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

3               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the life and  
5       mourn the death of former University of South Alabama  
6       President Gordon Moulton, and it is directed that a copy of  
7       this resolution be provided to his family, as evidence of the  
8       esteem of the people of the State of Alabama.