**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ANDREW HUGINE, JR., PH.D., PRESIDENT OF ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO HONOR HIM FOR HIS DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, at the end of December 2021, after many years of dedicated service as an educator, Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., will begin a well‑deserved retirement from his present role as the eleventh president of Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University (Alabama A&M); and

Whereas, in preparation for his long and distinguished career, Dr. Hugine earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mathematics at South Carolina State University, followed by a doctorate in higher education/institutional research from Michigan State University. He has presented at numerous professional meetings on strategies for increasing the number of minorities in the STEM disciplines and is the author of three mathematics textbooks; and

Whereas, prior to his 2009 appointment at Alabama A&M, he served as president of South Carolina State University. Other past positions held include interim executive vice president and chief operating officer, assistant vice president for academic affairs, director of Special Services Program, director of University Year for Action Program (a service‑learning program), research fellow, director of institutional self-study, professor of mathematics, and high school mathematics teacher. Dr. Hugine has been recognized both nationally and internationally for his leadership in education and adept administrative skills; and

Whereas, a transformative leader, Dr. Hugine’s impact on Alabama A&M has been profound. Since his appointment, the university’s accreditation with SACSCOC has been reaffirmed; enrollment has increased by 25.83% since fall 2012, with the fall 2018 enrollment totaling 6,108, of which the freshman class of 1,521 was the largest in the university’s history; and the financial status of the university has been strengthened, including as part of a $96‑million‑dollar financing agreement signed with the U.S. Department of Education, the largest in the department’s history, through which the university refinanced existing debt and constructed a new 580‑bed student residence hall; and

Whereas, in addition, during his tenure, ten new academic degree programs have been added; private funding has increased by 68%; the university has successfully completed a $27.3 million capital campaign; and more than two dozen memoranda of understanding have been signed with companies, governmental agencies, and universities, including one with the prestigious Confucius Institute; and

Whereas, Dr. Hugine finds strength for his labors in the firm support of his family: his wife of more than forty years, Abbiegail; their son, Andrew Hugine III (Karen); their daughter, Akilah Hugine‑Elmore (Quincy); two grandsons, Amir and Kal‑el; and a granddaughter, Nylah. The Hugines thank God for all of His blessings; and

Whereas, as for the future, Dr. and Mrs. Hugine are looking forward to becoming full‑time grandparents; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of committed excellence Dr. Hugine bestowed on this great State during his time of service in South Carolina and appreciative of his continuation of that excellence at Alabama A&M, the Senate takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he steps down from his duties at that fine institution. The members trust he will find much enjoyment in the more relaxed pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Andrew Hugine, Jr., Ph.D., president of Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University, upon the occasion of his retirement, honor him for his decades of dedicated service as an educator, and wish him continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.

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