

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 498

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A RESOLUTION to honor David A. North upon his exemplary tenure as chairman of the University of Memphis Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those outstanding civic-minded individuals who have contributed significantly to the public institutions that make their communities grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, David A. North recently completed his two-year tenure as chairman of the University of Memphis (UM) Board of Trustees but will continue to serve as a board member until 2025; and

WHEREAS, a member of the UM Board since its creation in 2017, Mr. North rendered astute service as its chairman in a plethora of ways; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. North's leadership, UM implemented a simplified tuition structure that reflects the university's ongoing commitment to transparency, affordability, and accessibility for all students and approved a new Culinary Institute, a new on-campus recreation center, and a \$19 million renovation of the Tennis Center; and

WHEREAS, other accomplishments include UM's Office of Economic Development and Government Relations spurring growth in the University District, UM partnering with Porter-Leath Launch on an early childhood program, the Lowenburg College of Nursing receiving a \$2.7 million HRSA Grant for the Family Nurse Practitioner program, and UM receiving \$1.89 million to combat Tennessee's opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, in the realm of athletics, the UM football program made history, and the athletic department received a record \$13 million commitment; and

WHEREAS, UM launched an African American Male Academy during Mr. North's term as chairman, and overall, UM's schools expanded; enrollment, retention, and graduation rates increased; and fundraising reached all-time highs under his stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the many improvements, initiatives, and projects undertaken during Mr. North's tenure resulted in UM making *U.S. News & World Report's* Tier 1 of American colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. North previously served on the UM Board of Visitors and concurrently serves on the university's Foundation Board and the President's Innovation Board; and

WHEREAS, a thirty-two-year veteran of risk management services, David A. North is president and chief executive officer of Sedgwick, which he has transformed into the premier global provider of innovative business solutions in the areas of workers' compensation, disability and absence management, and property loss adjusting; and

WHEREAS, he has previously served on the board of the Workers Compensation Research Institute and is past chairman of the board of the Integrated Benefits Institute; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the Business Insurance Women to Watch Advisory Board and serves as the director for The Institutes, the leading provider of professional education for the risk management and property-casualty insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, David A. North has ushered the University of Memphis into a halcyon period of unequalled growth and prosperity while ensuring that the university remains true to its mission of providing quality education, and he is richly deserving of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor David A. North upon his exemplary tenure as chairman of the University of Memphis Board of Trustees, thank him for his many contributions to making UM an

even better institution at which to learn and grow, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.