

**University of West Florida Board of Trustees
Resolution recognizing Vice President Parks Dimsdale**

WHEREAS, Dr. Parks B. Dimsdale has served the University of West Florida admirably since 1978 as an educator and administrator, and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Panama City campus from 1978 until 1982, academic programs grew in size, scope and quality; UWF/community relations thrived; and faculty, staff and facilities expanded rapidly, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dimsdale transferred to the main campus in 1982 to become the Chair of the Department of Economics and Marketing with great success, and

WHEREAS, as Dean of the College of Business from 1988 to 1994, he led the college to the prestigious AACSB accreditation, earned by just 20 percent of business schools, and he played a major role in the creation of four endowed chairs and the Center for Business Research and Economic Development, now known as The Haas Center, and

WHEREAS, upon his appointment as Vice President for Advancement in 1994, Dr. Dimsdale broadened fund-raising activities and led the restructuring of the university's research centers to allow flexibility and greater visibility in the community, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dimsdale assumed the additional duties of Executive Vice President and Provost in 1998, merging arts and sciences into one college and initiating other restructuring of the university's academic division as he continually encouraged innovative programs under his belief that UWF is different by design, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Dimsdale worked diligently at community relations through his involvement in various groups, committees and tasks forces and is the respected author of two books and numerous articles on marketing management, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dimsdale will retire from his positions as Executive Vice President, Provost and Vice President for Advancement on June 30, 2003, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of West Florida Board of Trustees, meeting on this 19th day of June, 2003, does hereby congratulate and commend Dr. Dimsdale for his many contributions to the University of West Florida, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be presented to Dr. Dimsdale as a token of the board's appreciation and thanks.



J. Collier Merrill
Chair, University of West Florida Board of Trustees

