

The University of West Florida Board of Trustees

In Recognition & Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service

Trustee J. Collier Merrill

WHEREAS, Trustee Collier Merrill served on the Florida Board of Regents and was appointed by the Governor of Florida as a charter member of the Board of Trustees in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Merrill served eloquently as the first Chair through December 2004 and subsequently served as a member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committees; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Merrill led the effort to hire Dr. John C. Cavanaugh as the fourth President of UWF and Dr. Judith A. Bense as the fifth President of UWF; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Merrill used his position as trustee to encourage discussion and interest in issues impacting UWF students, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Merrill, an alumnus of the UWF Class of 1984, was recently given the prestigious honor of being named a UWF Foundation Fellow; and

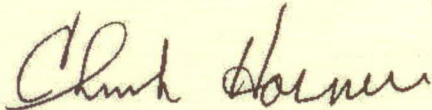
WHEREAS, Trustee Merrill is a respected entrepreneur, civic leader and loyal ambassador and ally to the University of West Florida; and

WHEREAS, some of his recent service includes the Florida Arts Council, Arts Council of Northwest Florida, Pensacola Museum of Art, Sacred Heart Hospital Board, Catholic Social Services, American Red Cross, Leadership Pensacola, the Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Community Maritime Park Association; and

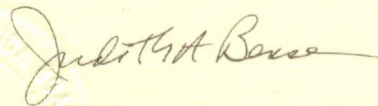
WHEREAS, Trustee Merrill is considered in many ways as one of the founders and architects of Florida's local board of trustees model, and he was honored as one of UWF's most distinguished alumni in 2000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of West Florida Board of Trustees, meeting on this 14th day of December, 2012, hereby commend Trustee J. Collier Merrill for his contributions to the University of West Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is spread upon the pages of the minutes of this meeting and a copy presented to Trustee Merrill as a token of the Board's appreciation.



Gen. Chuck Horner, (ret) Chair
Board of Trustees
University of West Florida



Dr. Judy A. Bense, President
University of West Florida

