



In Recognition of Distinguished Service  
Judith A. Bense, PhD.

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To read as follows:

WHEREAS, Dr. Bense joined the University of West Florida as a faculty member in 1980, starting her 28 years of service to the institution; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bense made considerable contributions to the university and the Pensacola community in just her first year as a faculty member, founding the Archaeology Institute and the program of Anthropology and archaeology; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 Dr. Bense was asked to serve a 1 year term as Interim President of the University of West Florida; and

WHEREAS, President Bense has now served as University President for a total of 8 years; and

WHEREAS, President Bense has changed the culture of the University of West Florida by expanding partnerships with the Pensacola community involving the UWF Historic Trust, the Florida Public Archaeology Network which she founded, the Florida Small Business Development Center, the Haas Center, the Innovation Institute, and many others; and

WHEREAS, President Bense brought College Football to the Florida Panhandle and the City of Pensacola by starting the University of West Florida Argonaut Football program; and

WHEREAS, President Bense has overseen significant academic growth of the university, offering new programs of extreme importance, including the Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain Logistics Management and Mechanical Engineering, Master of Social Work programs, a Doctor of Physical Therapy in partnership with University of South Florida, and the creation of University of West Florida Center of Cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, President Bense has shown superior leadership in her role, exemplifying to the University of West Florida Student Body how to listen to constituencies and to be a truly transformational leader;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this second day of December, in the year two thousand and sixteen, at the last regular meeting of the Student Senate under the Presidency of Judith A. Bense, PhD., the University of West Florida Student Body hereby recognizes and is grateful for her extreme dedication to the University, and to the students.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to President Bense and to all members of the University of West Florida Board of Trustees.

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Mr. Jacob Hebert  
Student Body President

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Leonie Dupuis  
Senate Pro Tempore