

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Resolution
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Chairman Dean Colson has provided dedicated service to Florida International University and its Board of Trustees as a trustee since 2017, and more recently serving as the Chairman of the Board from 2020 to 2023. During his time as trustee to the Board, FIU Law rose from 38 spots to rank No. 60 among the nations law schools and as a public school, FIU is ranked 32 in the country; and

WHEREAS, for over two decades, Mr. Colson has demonstrated a commitment to higher education, having served as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the Florida Board of Governors from 2010-2014. Mr. Colson also served the University of Miami as the Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2004-2007 and the Chair of the Executive Committee from 1999-2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Colson has been awarded numerous volunteer awards for his generous public service such as the Mayor of Miami’s “Citizen of the Year” Award for his dedication to improving his community; the “Sportsman of the Year Award” from the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Miami and the McLamore Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Miami-Dade Chapter of Association Fundraising Professionals. In 2009, Mr. Colson was appointed to serve as Special Advisor on Higher Education to Governor Charlie Christ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Governors, meeting at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, on this 9th day of November 2023, do hereby recognize and commend Chairman Dean Colson for his contributions to Florida International University and the State University System, and do wish him well.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution be presented to Chairman Dean Colson as a token of the Board’s appreciation and thanks.

Brian Lamb, Chair

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