

**THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Manny Fernandez has served as a member of The University of Florida Board of Trustees since July 1, 2001, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fernandez served as Chair of the Presidential Search Planning Committee beginning in September 2002 and then as Chair of the Presidential Search Committee starting in January 2003, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fernandez effectively led the Committees to establish an inclusive, complete and uncompromising search process for the next leader of The University of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fernandez devoted countless volunteer hours to promoting The University of Florida and its presidency on a national basis so as to attract the best possible candidates, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fernandez's leadership and dedicated service resulted in an amazing pool of finalists from which an outstanding individual, Dr. Bernard Machen, was selected as the 11th President of The University of Florida effective January 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The University of Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 5th day of December, 2003, does hereby recognize and commend Trustee Manny Fernandez for his outstanding contributions through his work as Chair of the Presidential Search Planning Committee and Presidential Search Committee in 2002 and 2003, and

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

Marshall M. Criser, Chair

Charles E. Young, President