

**THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Honorable Joelen Merkel has served as an inaugural member of The University of Florida Board of Trustees since July 1, 2001, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merkel brought to the Board her strong commitment to The University of Florida through her service, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merkel's leadership and influence in the State of Florida benefited the University of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merkel promoted the important value of respect, civility and collegiality among fellow Board members, the administration, faculty and students, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merkel brought her independent judgment, knowledge, ideas and considerable wisdom to the Board and, in her role as Chair to the Committee on Audit and Compliance and as a member of several committees, discharged her duties as Trustee faithfully and effectively, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merkel completed her term of office on January 6, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The University of Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 11th day of December 2009, does hereby recognize and commend Joelen Merkel for her contributions to The University of Florida Board of Trustees, and

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

W.A. "Mac" McGriff, III, Chair

J. Bernard Machen, President