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*Resolution in Memory of
Roscoe A. Boyer*

Whereas, Roscoe A. Boyer was born in Pickard, Indiana on March 14, 1919, and died in Oxford, Mississippi, on April 2, 2008, and

Whereas, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Franklin College in 1941, his Master of Science degree from Indiana University in 1950, and his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Indiana University in 1956, and

Whereas, he served in the United States Army Air Corps as a communications officer during World War II and saw action in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Ie Shima and his unit, the 110th Observation Squadron, received a Presidential Unit Citation for an overnight battle with Japanese warships on December 26-27, 1944, and

Whereas, he served again in the Air Force during the Korean War and retired from the United States Air Force Reserves as a full colonel, and

Whereas, taught mathematics and physics at New Albany High School in Indiana from 1945 until 1947 and was Director of Group Measurement at Indiana University from 1947 until 1955, and

Whereas, he joined the faculty of the University of Mississippi in 1955 and was soon promoted to the rank of professor of educational psychology, and

Whereas, he was a longtime Director of the Bureau of School Services, where he tested children, wrote grant proposals, assessed teachers, gave college test-preparation classes, and published early studies of the use of computers to design school bus routes, and

Whereas, he was a member of such professional organizations as Phi Delta Kappa, the American Educational Research Association, the Southern Psychology Association, the National Education Association, the American Psychological Association, the National Council of Measurement, and the Association for Computer Machinery, and

Whereas, was a member of the Oxford-University United Methodist Church and taught pre-school children there for more than twenty years, and

Whereas, when he retired from the University in 1989 Chancellor Turner wrote him: "Leaders in education throughout the state and region repeatedly tell me of their indebtedness to you. You are admired for your knowledge, for your common sense approach to problem solving, for your dedication and concern, and for your ability to make people think and to do their best," therefore be it

Resolved, that the faculty of the University of Mississippi at its meeting on _____ 2008 recognizes the many contributions of Roscoe Boyer to the University, its faculty and students,

and to the scholarly community at large, and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be entered among the minutes of the faculty and that a copy be forwarded to his family.