



RESOLUTION

naming

A STUDY ROOM IN THE J. EUGENE SMITH LIBRARY  
CURRICULUM CENTER

at

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
IN HONOR OF DR. JAMES SKIFFINGTON

February 4, 2000

WHEREAS, A curriculum study area in the former J. Eugene Smith Library at Eastern Connecticut State University had been named for Dr. James Skiffington by order of Board Resolution 74-84, and

WHEREAS, The University has constructed and opened the new J. Eugene Smith Library on its campus, and

WHEREAS, The new Smith Library contains a Curriculum Center containing an extensive library of children's books and materials to aid in their teaching, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Skiffington was a Professor of Education at Eastern Connecticut State University of considerable merit, and

WHEREAS, Dr. David G. Carter, President of Eastern Connecticut State University has accepted the unanimous recommendation of the University Building and Naming Committee, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Study Room (145) of the Eugene Smith Library at Eastern Connecticut State University be named the Dr. James Skiffington Study Room effective with passage of this resolution.

A Certified True Copy:

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Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

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William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

**ITEM**

Naming a study room in the J. Eugene Smith Library at Eastern Connecticut State University for Dr. James Skiffington

**BACKGROUND**

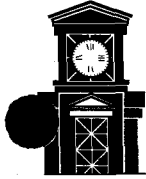
The general policy of the Board is that buildings or other physical facilities may be named in memory of those who have made significant contributions to the society or the university, or to honor people upon retirement or after retirement from active state, civic or public service.

**ANALYSIS**

The President of Eastern Connecticut State University has submitted his recommendation for naming the Study Room (145) of the Eugene Smith Library at Eastern Connecticut State University the Dr. James Skiffington Study Room. Dr. Skiffington was a Professor of Education at Eastern Connecticut State University of considerable merit and the proposed naming is the unanimous recommendation of the University Building and Naming Committee.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the recommendation to name Study Room 145 in the Smith Library at Eastern Connecticut State University, the Dr. James Skiffington Study Room.



Eastern Connecticut State University

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Becky Amberg  
Associate, Board Affairs  
Connecticut State University System Office

FROM: Michael Pernal *mp*  
Executive Vice President

RE: **Resolution on Dr. J. Eugene Smith**

DATE: April 28, 2000

Enclosed is the resolution honoring Dr. Smith. Please call if you have any questions.

MP/mo

Enclosure

C: Dr. David G. Carter, President



RESOLUTION

honoring

DR. J. EUGENE SMITH

PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

and

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

for the

CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

May 5, 2000

- WHEREAS, Dr. J. Eugene Smith passed away on April 20, 2000, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith distinguished himself as an educator for over 55 years as a teacher, administrator, president and executive secretary, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith began his career as a high school teacher in Hickory, Pennsylvania and continued his career in Guilford, Connecticut, and, beginning in 1935, at Windham High School, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith joined the faculty of Willimantic State Teachers College in 1937 as an instructor in social sciences, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith served the College with distinction as faculty member, administrator, and, from 1947, as president, until his retirement in February, 1966, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith returned from retirement to serve as the third Executive Secretary of the Connecticut State College System from 1967 to 1972 and during his tenure guided the expansion of curricula and the development of formal master planning at the colleges, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has been a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, the American Association of School Administrators, the Connecticut Historical Society, the National Education Association, and the Connecticut Education Association, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith is the author of One Hundred Years of Hartford's Courant, published in 1949 by the Yale University Press, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith upheld the highest standards of academic and personal integrity, imparting a tone of excellence to those institutions he served by raising expectations for student performance and faculty teaching, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith's love of inquiry and concern for members of faculty and staff built morale through his personal contacts, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System expresses its heartfelt sorrow to Dr. Smith's family and the CSU community upon the passing of our friend and colleague, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees honors the memory of his many contributions to the Connecticut State University System and in particular to Eastern Connecticut State University.

A Certified True Copy:

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Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

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William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor