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RESOLUTION

Chairman of the Board

honoring

MR. ALVIN B. WOOD
VICE CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

October 6, 1989

- WHEREAS, Mr. Alvin B. Wood is a charter member of the Board of Trustees, having been originally appointed by Governor John Dempsey in 1965, when the Board was established, and reappointed by Governors Grasso and O'Neill; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wood has provided humane insight, sound judgment and steadfast dedication to the Board during the 24 years since his appointment during a period when the Connecticut State Colleges grew into the Connecticut State University; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wood has given unstintingly of himself serving on the Board's Executive Committee, the Budget Committee and the Personnel and Employee Relations Committee, and for the most recent 16 years of his term, as Vice Chairperson of the Board; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wood's distinguished career as teacher and principal in the Hartford Public Schools, his contribution to his town through many civic activities, and his service on numerous State educational advisory committees has brought honor and prestige to himself as well as to Connecticut State University; and
- WHEREAS, The members of the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University regard him with deep affection and respect; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University expresses to Mr. Alvin B. Wood, upon the special occasion of his eightieth birthday, their heartiest congratulations and best wishes and their profound appreciation for his effective leadership over the past quarter century.

A Certified True Copy:

L. J. Davidson
Chairman

Dallas K. Beal
President



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ALVIN B. WOOD

I would ask that all here today join me in extending warm birthday wishes to Mr. Alvin B. Wood who celebrated his eightieth birthday just yesterday. This occasion is noteworthy not only because he celebrates a long and happy life, but because he can look back in pride at his many years of service to education in Connecticut.

Now, I would never guess that Mr. Wood is eighty years old. But, when I look at his many accomplishments, and, when I recall the many words of wisdom and guidance he has provided me ~~in the past months,~~ I realize that for most, such wisdom, guidance and accomplishment would not be possible in two lifetimes.

Alvin Wood is different than most.

Mr. Wood cares deeply about the youth of our state and has dedicated his long career in education to ensuring equity and access. He can look back proudly upon his many accomplishments.

Mr. Wood has been a member of the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University since 1965 and for many years has served as the board's vice chairman. It has been my distinct honor to have benefitted from Mr. Wood's wisdom and expertise.

Mr. Wood taught at the Mark Twain Elementary School in Hartford for many years before he was named Hartford's first Black principal, of the Clark Elementary School in 1963. For many years, Mr. Wood served as principal of the Fred D. Wish Elementary School in Hartford.

A long-time resident of Bloomfield, Mr. Wood has been active as a member of the Town Council and as a member of the Bloomfield Interracial Commission. On the state level, he served for many years as a member of the State Scholarship Commission.

Mr. Wood is active in the Union Baptist Church of Hartford where he serves as Deacon and has long been involved in the American Baptist Churches and the Hartford Baptist Association.

Alvin B. Wood, I send my fondest birthday greetings to you.

I am so pleased that you decided to have your party a day late -- and

I am doubly pleased that you are having it here, with your good friends at Eastern.