

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing Doug Bennett on his retirement.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing Doug Bennett on his retirement.

Whereas, Doug Bennett, President and Professor of Politics, of Earlham College for the past 14 years, is retiring;

Whereas, Bennett is one of the most distinctive voices in higher education, having been featured in numerous national publications during his tenure at Earlham. He prominently led the national charge against the ranking of colleges and universities, and has often written and spoken passionately on the topics of student assessment, engagement, accessibility and affordability issues, among others;

Whereas, Several major building projects have been completed during Bennett's tenure, including: Landrum Bolling Center, Athletics and Wellness Center, Darrell Beane Stadium, Mills Residence Hall, as well as significant renovations to three residence halls;

Whereas, Community service has been a hallmark during Bennett's presidency, which has seen: Earlham College

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becoming the educational institution community leader in giving to the Whitewater Valley United Way, Earlham College contributing approximately \$750 million dollars to the economic vitality of the local community and state of Indiana, and Earlham students giving more than 560,000 volunteer hours to the local community;

Whereas, Douglas C. Bennett was born in 1946 and grew up in Rochester, New York. He graduated magna cum laude from Haverford College in 1968 with a bachelor of arts degree;

Whereas, Following his undergraduate studies, Bennett attended Yale University, earning a master of philosophy degree in 1971 and a PhD of political science in 1976;

Whereas, From 1973 to 1989, he was a member of the Political Science Department at Temple University. He started out as an assistant professor in 1976 before becoming an associate professor in 1980, and a professor from 1988 to 1989. He also served as the Director of the Institute for Public Policy Studies at Temple University;

Whereas, During his time at Temple, Bennett was a visiting lecturer to Bryn Mawr College and Haverford College, and a visiting associate professor to Swarthmore College. He also was a Fellow on the American Council of Education for Swarthmore College, acting as special assistant to the President and Provost;

Whereas, From 1989 to 1993, Bennett was the Vice President and Provost of Reed College. From 1993 to 1994, he served as the Executive Director of the Portland Area Library System, and was a visiting scholar in the Center for Humanities at Oregon State University. From 1994 to 1997, he was the Vice President of the American Council of Learned Societies;



Whereas, Bennett's professional activities have included serving on a number of boards and committees over the years. He served as the chairman of the Steering Committee at the Portland Area Library System from 1992-1993. He was on the Leadership Committee for Project Kaleidoscope from 1992 to 1997. He was a member of the College Board's Academic Assembly from 1994 to 1997;

Whereas, In 1996, Bennett was the Private Sector Adviser on the U.S. Delegation to the Diplomatic Conference on Copyright, World Intellectual Property Organization, in Geneva, Switzerland;

Whereas, From 1995 to 1997, Bennett was a participant in the Conference on Fair Use in Washington, D.C. From 1996 to 2002, he served as a Board Member on the Center for Research Libraries;

Whereas, From 2002 to 2006, Bennett served on the Board of Directors at the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He was the Vice Chair in 2004 and the Chair in 2005;

Whereas, Presently, Bennett continues to serve on the Advisory Board at the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Board of Directors at the Council for Aid to Education (CAE), member of the National Advisory Panel for the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment, and serves on the Richmond Mayor's Economic Vitality Council;

Whereas, Bennett has been involved in community service throughout his life. At Haverford College, he served on the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, the Presidential Search Committee, and on the Board of Managers. He still serves on the Corporation at Haverford College;



Whereas, Bennett has served on the American Friends Service Committee in a variety of positions over the years, including: National Community Relations Committee; Latin America Panel, International Division; International Division, Executive Committee; Information and Interpretation Committee; Executive Committee, New York Metropolitan Region Office; and the Board Working on the Global Economy. He continues to serve on the American Friends Service Committee Corporation;

Whereas, Bennett has been involved with various Quaker and Independent Schools over the years. He served as the Chair of the Head's Search Committee, and on the School Committee (Board of Trustees) at Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In addition, he served on the School Committee (Board of Trustees) at Friends Seminary in New York City;

Whereas, Bennett has received numerous awards and fellowships over the years. He became a member of Phi Beta Kappa in 1968. In the mid to late 1970's, he got the following grants: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies/Social Science Research Council Fellowship, and the Social Science Research Council Conference;

Whereas, From 1980 to 1981, Bennett was a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. From 1987 to 1988, he was a Fellow at the American Council on Education. In 1988, he received an Alumni Award from Haverford College;

Whereas, In 2009, Earlham College was named the Corporate Partner of the Year in Richmond/Wayne County, by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. In 2010, Doug and Ellen Bennett were named the Citizens of the Year by the Richmond/Wayne County Chamber of Commerce;



Whereas, Bennett is married to Ellen Trout Bennett, and has two sons, Tommy and Robbie; and

Whereas, Doug Bennett's retirement will be celebrated on May 21, 2011 at Forrest Hills Country Club. He has had an exemplary career in education and his retirement is well-deserved: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate recognizes Doug Bennett on his
2 retirement.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Doug Bennett.

