

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 264

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Nancy B. Moody on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nancy B. Moody is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction for nearly eight years as president of Tusculum College, a post of which she has proven herself most worthy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moody will be taking a much-deserved retirement on December 31, 2017; thereafter she will fulfill her duties as the newly elected chair of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-seventh president and first female president of Tusculum College, Dr. Nancy Moody began her tenure at the historic institution in 2009; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Moody's leadership, Tusculum College has experienced a new era of growth and expansion with regard to brick and mortar facilities, academic programs, and fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, one of the highlights of her tenure at Tusculum has been the construction of the Meen Center academic building; Dr. Moody shepherded the state-of-the-art project every step of the way, from the initial approval and securing millions in funding to overseeing the construction of the facility; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Moody's first full year at Tusculum College, the institution had a very successful review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges accrediting agency; since then, several new academic programs have been added to

the college's list of offerings, including bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing, an MBA program, and the school's first associate degree program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moody helped usher in creative online teaching and learning for dual enrollment, distance education, and fully online programs; and

WHEREAS, beginning this fall, Tusculum will offer a bachelor's degree in healthcare management, a bachelor's degree in talent development, and a Master of Accountancy degree; the college has also added new athletic programs during Dr. Nancy Moody's time at the helm, including men's and women's lacrosse, track and field, and STUNT, a newly developed sport format for cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, though the college has seen tremendous growth under her leadership, Dr. Nancy Moody has ensured that this growth was managed in a fiscally responsible way; she successfully sought new gifts, donors, and partnerships in order to ensure the success of new and existing programs; working with donors, foundations, and government agencies, she has encouraged the investment of millions of dollars into Tusculum College's programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, a hallmark of Dr. Moody's presidency has been her willingness to form partnerships with other institutions and to engage with alumni and friends of the college, encouraging their continued interest and support of the institution; she has reminded all of those in the Tusculum community what it means to be a Tusculum Pioneer; and

WHEREAS, immediately prior to assuming the post of president at Tusculum College, Dr. Moody served a successful seven-year term as president of Lincoln Memorial University (LMU), from 2002 until 2009; under Dr. Moody's leadership, LMU's enrollment increased by ninety percent, and the university initiated the LMU-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nancy Moody began her academic career at LMU; a registered nurse, she began serving as a nursing instructor for LMU in 1974, advancing to hold several academic leadership positions at the university prior to taking over as president, including dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished leader in her field, Dr. Moody has left her mark on various institutions throughout East Tennessee, having served as director of the Tennessee Center for

Nursing, an assistant professor of nursing in the College of Nursing at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and an associate professor and department chair in the College of Nursing at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moody received her associate and bachelor's degrees in nursing from Eastern Kentucky University, and in 1978, she earned her Master of Science in Nursing from the Texas Women's University Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center; she went on to receive her doctorate in nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham's School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, an expert in her field, Dr. Nancy Moody has been recognized by all three of her alma maters, with the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing honoring her with the Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award; she has also been recognized by Tusculum College's board of trustees, which presented her with the inaugural Founder's Award in February 2013 for her integrity, tenacity, commitment, ingenuity, and drive in moving Tusculum College forward in serving its students, its community, and the world at large; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Dr. Moody is perhaps most grateful for the love and support of her husband, Tom Moody, and their two children, daughter Mykel and son Adam; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moody exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Dr. Nancy Moody has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Nancy B. Moody our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.