

## IN MEMORIAM – DR. JEANNE SYLVESTRE

Dr. Jeanne Sylvestre served on the Foundation Board from 2009 until her death on April 14, 2018, and also served as Treasurer from 2013. In 2017, Dr. Sylvestre endowed the Dr. Jeanne Sylvestre Scholarship in Accounting and legacy gifts for the Dr. Jeanne Sylvestre Chair in Accounting and the Sylvestre Family Chair in Music. The Foundation Board announced that a large portion of Dr. Sylvestre's estate was left as an endowment to the USA Foundation, not only to provide for funding the two chairs, but also to support academic programs. Dr. Sylvestre's gift is estimated to be \$10 Million.

The Board of Directors of the USA Foundation acknowledged the inestimable service and contributions of Dr. Sylvestre in adopting the following resolution:

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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jeanne Sylvestre served on the Board of Directors of the USA Foundation from June, 2009, and as its Treasurer from 2013, until her death, and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Sylvestre was a loyal, faithful, stalwart and diligent member of the Board, attending 38 of the 40 meetings during her service on the Board and many Board functions, lectures and events, and through her thoughtful analysis and counsel with the wisdom and clarity of vision which were uniquely hers and of which she gave so generously, and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Sylvestre provided through her service on the Board her inestimable understanding of higher education through her 30 years of service as a faculty member at the University of South Alabama, her 30 years as faculty advisor to the Mitchell College of Business's Beta Alpha Psi chapter, and her leadership as Chair of the Department of Accounting for many years, and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Sylvestre above all was an ardent spokesperson for education and for students, encouraging and guiding two generations of accountants, and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Sylvestre was recognized as a superlative educator and leader receiving the USA Faculty Senate honor as one of the University's 50 Outstanding Faculty on the occasion of the University's 50 year celebration and recognized as one of the 50 IMPACT award recipients by the Mitchell College of Business for the College's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Sylvestre in June, 2017, through a gift to the USA Foundation, established the Dr. Jeanne Sylvestre Endowed Scholarship in Accounting to provide support for the education of an active member of the University's Beta Alpha Psi chapter, and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Sylvestre, in June, 2017, through a legacy gift to the USA Foundation, established the Dr. Jeanne Sylvestre Endowed Chair of Accounting, and the Sylvestre Endowed Chair of Music, and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Sylvestre wished to create an enduring legacy that would provide for intergenerational support of higher education through the gifts during her life and after her death,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby expresses its heartfelt and deep appreciation for the steadfast and thoughtful leadership and counsel that Jeanne Sylvestre brought to the Board over many years, and for her warmth, grace and devotion to the Board, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors extends to her family and her many friends its loving remembrance of Jeanne Sylvestre and its thankfulness for her gracious and generous spirit which she provided unconditionally and without fail, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors acknowledges that it will forever be indebted to Jeanne Sylvestre and to her siblings, Minto and Diane, for their unique character of selfless service and giving and that the Board of Directors hereby affirms its commitment to serve as a guardian to the gifts that have been entrusted to the USA Foundation, as a perpetual source of support to the benefit of the academic programs, faculty and students of the University of South Alabama, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors has caused this Resolution to be approved on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, and has caused this Resolution to be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Directors of the USA Foundation.

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