RESOLUTION

OF

COMMENDATION OF SERVICE OF ROBERT D. WORD

WHEREAS, Robert D. Word has served on the Board of Directors of the USA Foundation from April, 1996, and as Vice President of the Board from 2012 until 2020, and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Word served on numerous committees of the Board, including as a member of the Investment and Audit Committee from 1998, and as Chair of the Committee from 2012 through 2017, and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Word enriched the Foundation Board through his business acumen, his knowledge of higher education, his dedication to the mission of the Foundation, and his superb sense of humor, and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Word attended 114 meetings of the Board of Directors and 49 meetings of the Investment and Audit Committee and was instrumental in critically important decisions relating to the acquisition of major timberland investments, the investment in and marketing of the Brookley property, and the major gift to support the Whiddon College of Medicine at the University of South Alabama, as well as countless other projects, during which period the Foundation contributed more than \$231 million to the University of South Alabama, and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Word has served with excellence on the Board of Directors of the University of South Alabama Foundation for twenty-seven years,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby expresses its sincere and deep appreciation for the strong leadership and advocacy and wisdom that Robert D. Word provided the Board over twenty-seven years of selfless service, as a member of the Board of Directors of the USA Foundation, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors extends its sincere gratitude to Robert and Elizabeth Word and family for their support and contributions to the mission of the USA Foundation and for their steadfast loyalty, dedication and friendship.