

RESOLUTION
OF
COMMENDATION OF SERVICE OF JUDGE OTHA LEE BIGGS

WHEREAS, Judge Otha Lee Biggs served on the Board of Directors of the USA Foundation from October 1983, until his death in March 2025; and

WHEREAS, Judge Otha Lee Biggs was a committed, resolute, and faithful leader as a member of the Board of Directors of the USA Foundation and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Alabama from 1977 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Judge Otha Lee Biggs attended 191 of 228 meetings of the Board of the USA Foundation during his tenure and served during the formative years of the USA Foundation over which period the USA Foundation contributed more than \$278 Million to the University; and

WHEREAS, Judge Otha Lee Biggs was an active participant and tireless advocate for major developments of the USA Foundation during his forty-two year tenure on the Board, including participating in the successful negotiations leading to the preservation of Grant's Pass, the acquisition of the Equitable timberland investment of more than 55,000 acres, the purchase and subsequent sale of the Brookley property, and major contributions including the \$30 Million commitment of funding for the Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Judge Otha Lee Biggs was a servant leader, a man of humility, and perhaps the best turkey hunter in South Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Judge Otha Lee Biggs was known throughout the State of Alabama for his leadership in economic development for his beloved Monroe County and his preservation of and establishment of Monroe County as the literary capital of Alabama, through nurturing the annual performances of "To Kill a Mockingbird" and his determination that led to the preservation of the Historic Monroe County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Judge Otha Lee Biggs, for all his accomplishments and his pivotal role in the betterment of the people of Alabama, including through his work on the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees, and through his more than forty-two years of service as a member of the Board of Directors of the University of South Alabama Foundation, he is best remembered for his great wisdom, his political acumen, his many kindnesses, his concern for his fellow citizens, and his sense of fairness and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby expresses its sincere and deep appreciation for Judge Otha Lee Biggs's servant leadership and the guidance that he brought to the Board over forty-two years of selfless service, and for his fulfillment of that service through his duty of care and loyalty and obedience, as a member of the Board of Directors of the USA Foundation; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the University of South Alabama Foundation extends to the family of Judge Otha Lee Biggs its heartfelt remembrance of Judge Biggs and its thankfulness for his gifts of dedication, sacrifice, and sage advice which he provided unconditionally over forty-two years; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors acknowledges that it will forever be indebted to Judge Otha Lee Biggs as a long serving member of the Foundation Board for his many contributions that enabled the USA Foundation to carry out its mission of supporting the University of South Alabama.

Adopted on the 11th day of June, 2025