

## RESOLUTION

*Whereas*, Jim Folsom, Jr. is a native of Montgomery and Cullman, Alabama where he was raised with his seven brothers and sisters; and,

*Whereas*, Jim Folsom, Jr. is a graduate of Jacksonville State University in 1974 with a degree in Political Science; and,

*Whereas*, Jim Folsom, Jr. was elected to the Public Service Commission in 1978, where he served two terms; and,

*Whereas*, Jim Folsom, Jr. was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1986 and 1990, and during his tenure, many effective and ground-breaking pieces of legislation were adopted for the state of Alabama; and,

*Whereas*, from 1993-1995 Jim Folsom, Jr. served as the 50th Governor to represent the state of Alabama; and,

*Whereas*, Jim Folsom, Jr. is well known for creating Alabama's most diverse cabinet and staff by appointing many women and African-Americans to key posts statewide as well as directing that the Confederate flag be moved from the Capitol dome to war memorials; and,

*Whereas*, Jim Folsom, Jr. as Governor of Alabama, directed Alabama's efforts to attract the first Mercedes-Benz automobile manufacturing plant outside of Germany, which created some 150,000 Alabama jobs; and

*Whereas*, Jim Folsom, Jr. returned to politics when he was again elected Lieutenant Governor for the state of Alabama in 2006, which makes him the longest-serving Lieutenant Governor in Alabama history with ten years of service with his last term ending on January 17, 2011; and,

*Whereas*, Jim Folsom, Jr. has been a faithful and supportive member of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University since 1991 and has shown exemplary service over the last twenty-three years; and,

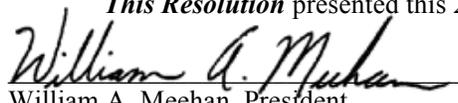
*Whereas*, Jim Folsom, Jr. has demonstrated exceptional leadership for the University and under his leadership as Chairman of the Athletic Committee, the University entered Division I and in 2003 was accepted into the Ohio Valley Conference where we currently compete in sixteen Division I sports, having won more than fifty conference championships exceeding all other conference members; and,

*Whereas*, Jim Folsom, Jr. has been a strong proponent of increasing academic standards for all students; and,

*Whereas*, Jacksonville State University confers the honorary doctorate in recognition of exceptional public service leading to improved quality of life and enhanced educational opportunities for the people of Alabama.

***Therefore, let it be resolved*** that the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees confers the ***Honorary Doctor of Letters*** on Jim Folsom, Jr. for his accomplishments on behalf of the citizens of Alabama.

*This Resolution* presented this 23rd day of July, 2012.

  
William A. Meehan, President  
Jacksonville State University

  
Jim Bennett, Chairman  
Board of Trustees