WHEREAS, the improvements taking place at Gamecock Softball Complex, known as University Field, have and will continue to have a positive impact on the institution's ability to recruit quality student athletes; and

WHEREAS, it was the initial intent to complete the softball complex to include a locker room for the home team and sunken dugouts for both home and visiting teams at the outset; and

WHEREAS, action items Jacksonville State University committed to complete for compliance with Title IX in the most recent NCAA Self-Study included the replacement of bleachers in the women's softball field and updating softball facilities to include locker rooms and laundry facilities similar to baseball facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University wishes to continue momentum generated by the success of the JSU softball program from appearances in the NCAA Regionals in five of the last six years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to solicit bids and award a contract(s) for the design and construction of a locker room for the softball home team and sunken dugouts for both home and visiting teams.