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#### Connecticut State University System



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### RESOLUTION

#### naming

# THE CAMPUS UNITY CENTER

#### at

### EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

### IN HONOR OF DR. ARTHUR L. JOHNSON

### February 4, 2000

- WHEREAS, Dr. Arthur L. Johnson served ECSU as a faculty member and administrator from 1970 through 1999, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson's service consisted of tenure as Associate Professor of Sociology, Assistant to the Director of Admissions and Records and, most recently, Special Assistant to the President, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson contributed greatly to the enrichment of the national, State and Hartford community as a life member and past president of the Hartford NAACP, first president of the Congress of Racial Equality in St. Louis, Hartford Citizens Committee to Improve Housing for Inner-city Residents, Hartford's first Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission, and an Officer of the Community Renewal Team, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson, until his death on September 6, 1999 was instrumental in raising the consciousness of government leaders, corporate executives, educators, and social service professionals across the State of Connecticut and was in the forefront of the struggle for civil rights and an advocate for freedom and equality, and
- WHEREAS, The Campus Unity Center at Eastern Connecticut State University is dedicated to those principles for which Dr. Johnson worked so diligently, and
- WHEREAS, President David G. Carter has endorsed the unanimous nomination of Dr. Johnson as recommended by the Eastern Building and Facilities Naming Committee, therefore be it

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- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby designates the Campus Unity Center on High Street at Eastern Connecticut State University to be known now and hereafter as the Dr. Arthur L. Johnson Unity Center, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That Dr. David G. Carter, President of Eastern Connecticut State University and on behalf of the Board convey the Board's best wishes to Mrs. Marie L. Johnson, upon the bestowing of this well deserved honor to Dr. Johnson.

A Certified True Copy: Lawrence D. McHugh, Chain William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

# ITEM

Naming the Campus Unity Center at Eastern Connecticut State University for Dr. Arthur L. Johnson

# BACKGROUND

The general policy of the Board is that buildings or other physical facilities may be named in memory of those who have made significant contributions to the society or the university, or to honor people upon retirement or after retirement from active state, civic or public service.

## ANALYSIS

The President of Eastern Connecticut State University has submitted his recommendation for naming the Campus Unity Center at Eastern Connecticut State University the Dr. Arthur L. Johnson Unity Center. Dr. Johnson's service at ECSU consisted of tenure as Associate Professor of Sociology, Assistant to the Director of Admissions and Records and, most recently, Special Assistant to the President, Dr. Johnson also contributed greatly to the enrichment of the national, State and Hartford communities as a life member and past president of the Hartford NAACP and active memberships in a number of other state, regional and national organizations. The proposed naming reflects a unanimous recommendation of Dr. Johnson to President Carter by the ECSU Building and Facilities Naming Committee.

# CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation to name the Campus Unity Center at Eastern Connecticut State University, the Dr. Arthur L. Johnson Unity Center.

