



## RESOLUTION

honoring

## DR. J. EUGENE SMITH

## PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY and EXECUTIVE SECRETARY for the CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

## May 5, 2000

- WHEREAS, Dr. J. Eugene Smith passed away on April 20, 2000, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith distinguished himself as an educator for over 55 years as a teacher, administrator, president and executive secretary, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith began his career as a high school teacher in Hickory, Pennsylvania and continued his career in Guilford, Connecticut, and, beginning in 1935, at Windham High School, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith joined the faculty of Willimantic State Teachers College in 1937 as an instructor in social sciences, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith served the College with distinction as faculty member, administrator, and, from 1947, as president, until his retirement in February, 1966, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith returned from retirement to serve as the third Executive Secretary of the Connecticut State College System from 1967 to 1972 and during his tenure guided the expansion of curricula and the development of formal master planning at the colleges, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has been a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, the American Association of School Administrators, the Connecticut Historical Society, the National Education Association, and the Connecticut Education Association, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith is the author of One Hundred Years of Hartford's Courant, published in 1949 by the Yale University Press, and

- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith upheld the highest standards of academic and personal integrity, imparting a tone of excellence to those institutions he served by raising expectations for student performance and faculty teaching, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Smith's love of inquiry and concern for members of faculty and staff built morale through his personal contacts, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System expresses its heartfelt sorrow to Dr. Smith's family and the CSU community upon the passing of our friend and colleague, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees honors the memory of his many contributions to the Connecticut State University System and in particular to Eastern Connecticut State University.

A Certified Trae Copy: Lawrence D. McHugh, William J. Cibes, Jr., Chanc ellor