



RESOLUTION
establishing
THE ROBERT C. VANCE CHAIR
IN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION
at
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

March 7, 2003

WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University and Robert C. Vance Charitable Foundation have joined together to create a permanent legacy that will benefit the citizens of this state for generations to come, and

WHEREAS, Robert C. Vance was a widely respected journalist who served as editor and publisher of The Herald in New Britain from 1951 to 1959, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vance was close confidant of President Herbert D. Welte and a staunch supporter of the Teachers College of Connecticut through his devoted service on its Citizens' Committee, and

WHEREAS, The Robert C. Vance Charitable Foundation has pledged \$1,400,000 to the CCSU Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of establishing an endowed chair in journalism and mass communication, and

WHEREAS, The Robert C. Vance Charitable Foundation has generously supported the prestigious Robert C. Vance Lecture Series which has brought speakers of national and international renown to Central Connecticut State University including Presidents George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, Benjamin Bradley, William Buckley, President F.W. deKlerk, Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Senator George McGovern, Senator George Mitchell, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Commissioner Francis T. Vincent, President Lech Walesa, Lord Harold Wilson, and Bob Woodward, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System in recognition of the Robert C. Vance Foundation's commitment of \$1,400,000 to Central Connecticut State University hereby establishes an endowed chair in journalism and mass communication at Central Connecticut State University to be known now and hereafter as the Robert C. Vance Endowed Chair in Journalism and Mass Communication.

A Certified True Copy:

[Handwritten signature of William J. Cibes, Jr.]
William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

Establishing the Robert C. Vance Endowed Chair in Journalism and Mass Communication at Central Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

Robert C. Vance was a widely respected journalist who served as editor and publisher of The Herald in New Britain from 1951 to 1959, and was a staunch supporter of the Teachers College of Connecticut through his devoted service on its Citizens' Committee. The Robert C. Vance Charitable Foundation has generously supported the prestigious Robert C. Vance Lecture Series that has brought speakers of national and international renown to Central Connecticut State University. The Robert C. Vance Charitable Foundation has pledged \$1,400,000 to the CCSU Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of establishing an endowed chair in journalism and mass communication.

ANALYSIS

The president of Central Connecticut State University has indicated that the university remains committed to a real world orientation in the classroom and strives to maintain a responsible relationship with the community to enhance the common good. The incumbent of this Endowed Chair would work with faculty, students and area professionals in the fields of journalism and mass communication to conduct research and promote collaborative interactions between the university and the private sector; develop innovative approaches to complex issues facing the discipline; and perform research, consultation and management development seminars for professionals and practitioners.

Appropriate Board policy for establishing the Endowed Chair has been followed. Central has elected to utilize the state endowment matching funds program that provides for a 1:2 match instead of applying for the 1:1 match through the Endowed Chair Investment Fund program administered by the Department of Higher Education.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the establishment of the Robert C. Vance Endowed Chair in Journalism and Mass Communication at Central Connecticut State University