



Developing a State of Minds

Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION  
CONFERRING THE TITLE  
CHANCELLOR EMERITUS

to

William J. Cibes, Jr., Ph.D

January 27, 2006

- WHEREAS, William J. Cibes, Jr., Ph.D., Chancellor, has announced plans to retire after completing outstanding and honorable service to the Connecticut State University System since 1994; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Cibes received a bachelor degree in German, mathematics, political science and philosophy from the University of Kansas in 1965 and a Ph.D. degree from Princeton University in 1975; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Cibes then began his long and successful career in higher education as a member of the Department of Government at Connecticut College in 1969, where he remained as a faculty member until 1990; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Cibes served as a member of the Connecticut General Assembly from the City of New London from 1978-1991 with integrity and commitment, making critical contributions to the betterment of the state while at various times acting as a member of the Education Committee, the Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Cibes ran for governor in the 1990 Democratic primary on a platform advocating an income tax in a true demonstration of his lifelong concern for the underdog and the underprivileged; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Cibes was appointed Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to serve as the "lengthened shadow" of Gov. Lowell P. Weicker from 1991-1994, and while in that position he drafted a revenue overhaul and income tax plan that he spearheaded through the legislature to help restore the State of Connecticut's fiscal integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cibes helped transform the Office of Policy and Management, making it the lead office for centralized budget planning by the state and a model for efficiency and customer service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cibes began his esteemed career at the Connecticut State University System in 1994 and made many lasting contributions by thinking outside the box, including innovative legislation that enables universities to finance auxiliary facilities through CHEFA, increasing bond authorizations to an average of \$60 million a year resulting in vast capital improvement programs at the four CSU universities that will greatly benefit Connecticut students and the State of Connecticut for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cibes provided tireless leadership and service to such organizations as Connecticut Public Television; Connecticut United for Research Excellence (CURE), the Connecticut Center for Science & Exploration, the Metro Hartford Alliance and The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority; and

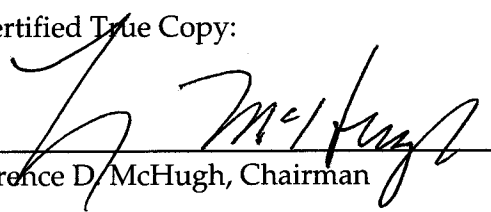
WHEREAS, Dr. Cibes has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues and co-workers for his cheerful humility, dedication, collegiality, enthusiasm, professionalism, sense of humor, his selflessness, his willingness to listen and hard work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System confers upon William J. Cibes, Jr., Ph.D., the title, Chancellor Emeritus of the Connecticut State University System, with all the privileges pertaining thereto, effective February 1, 2006; be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board takes great pleasure in recognizing the significant professional achievements of William J. Cibes, Jr., Ph.D., and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Connecticut State University System and to the State of Connecticut; be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be included in the permanent minutes of the Board and that copies be sent to Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr. to share with his family and to other appropriate officials of the CSU System.

A Certified True Copy:

  
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Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman