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FROM: Donald R. Bobbitt, President 

SUBJECT: Approval of Appreciation Resolution for Employees and Leadership during Pandemic, All Campuses and Units

At its special video conference meeting held on December 15, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas wishes to acknowledge the dedicated work of the administration, faculty and staff members of the campuses, divisions and units of the University of Arkansas System as they have faced many obstacles resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, President Donald R. Bobbitt, the staff of the President’s Office, including Angela Hudson and Sylvia White, and the very capable general staff of the UA System administration have performed admirably in providing steady leadership and support to the System and the Board during an unprecedented year; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, staff and leadership of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, including Chancellor Cam Patterson and Senior Vice Chancellor Stephen A. “Steppe” Mette, have risen to the challenge of not only managing the state-wide UAMS clinical network as a frontline healthcare provider during the pandemic, but also have

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represented the University with honor and distinction in assisting the state with its public health response to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellors and senior leaders of all of the campuses, divisions and units of the UA System have worked tirelessly this year to ensure the continuation of the System's critical responsibility of providing post-secondary education, conducting vital research and supporting communities across the state through public service outreach; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff across the UA System have shown extraordinary persistence in the face of a difficult year, including through adopting new technologies, protecting others through following public health guidelines and enduring the overall uncertainty presented by the health and economic consequences of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Board Chairman John Goodson has provided commendable leadership to the Board, especially through facilitating a series of specially called Board meetings in which the Board made critical policy decisions regarding the overall System response to the pandemic and received vital reports about the efforts across the state to mitigate the spread and impact of the virus on University operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board expresses its heartfelt appreciation and admiration for the aforementioned individuals and for all UA System employees for their dedicated work in dealing with the impacts and repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board directs that this resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, posted on the UA System website, and shared to the extent practicable with system personnel across the state.

You may proceed to implement these actions.