Agenda Item No.

## THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Office of the Board of Regents May 9, 2023

Members, Board of Regents The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Recognizing Mr. Demetrius L. Harrell, Jr. for His Service as the 2022-2023 Student Member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and Bestowing the Title of Student Regent Emeritus

Approval of the following resolution recognizing Mr. Demetrius L. Harrell, Jr. by the Board of Regents is recommended:

"WHEREAS, Mr. Demetrius L. Harrell, Jr. was appointed as Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System by Governor Greg Abbott in 2022; and

WHEREAS, he is pursuing his degree in Criminal Justice and a double minor in Sociology and Legal Studies from Texas A&M University-Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrell is serving his second term as the President of the Campus Activities Board at Texas A&M University-Commerce, where he helps provide high-quality entertainment to promote unity among the students, faculty, staff, alumni and the greater Commerce community; and

WHEREAS, he served as President of the African American Male Mentorship Program, where he was devoted to the retention of African American males at Texas A&M University-Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrell promotes brotherhood and comradery as a brother of The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., where he serves as Polemarch (president) of his chapter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrell worked closely with the student leaders on a variety of issues at The Texas A&M University System's universities, visiting all eleven campuses; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a student regent, Mr. Harrell was part of the Board when the National Nuclear Security Administration exercised a five-year option for The Texas A&M University System and its partners at Triad National Security LLC to continue managing and operating the Los Alamos National Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, he contributed to Board discussion when the U.S. Department of Transportation notified the Texas Congressional Delegation that Prairie View A&M University was selected to lead the National Center for Infrastructure Transformation; and

WHEREAS, he was part of the Board effort of expanding the scope of work on Texas A&M University's presence in Fort Worth; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Harrell was part of the Board that witnessed the rapid ascension of the Texas A&M School of Law in ranking and reputation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System express our appreciation for the outstanding leadership shown by Mr. Demetrius L. Harrell, Jr., as the 2022-2023 Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that in honor of his service to the Board of Regents, the title of Student Regent Emeritus of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System is hereby bestowed upon Mr. Demetrius L. Harrell, Jr., with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Mr. Demetrius L. Harrell, Jr., and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System, as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which he is held as a Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of May 2023."

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Mahomes Chairman, Board of Regents The Texas A&M University System

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:** 

Ray Bonilla General Counsel