

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Huntsville, Alabama

# Resolution

Presented in Tribute to the Myriad Accomplishments  
and the Essence of the Spirited Leader Known as

## Virginia Caples

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Virginia Caples was a native of Doddsville, Mississippi, where she was instilled with a formidable work ethic and a sincere appreciation for education at all levels, including the baccalaureate degree from Alcorn State University in home economics; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Virginia Caples went on complete further study toward the master's and Ph.D. degrees in home economics education at Iowa State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Virginia Caples returned to teach at her beloved Alma Mater in Mississippi before accepting a position to serve at historic Alabama A&M University in what evolved into the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Virginia Caples tirelessly helped to lead Alabama A&M University through four accreditation processes in her ever-increasing capacities as faculty member, associate dean, vice president for academic affairs, provost, 1890 Administrator, Distinguished University Professor, and Professor Emeritus; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Virginia Caples freely shared her knowledge, skills and abilities to assist numerous nonprofit organizations to fulfill their respective missions; to expand the prominence of her profession internationally; and to secure the University's rightful land-grant role in the Cooperative Extension community; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Virginia Caples served as President and was duly recognized with the coveted Distinguished Service Award by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for her lifelong service; received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Board on Human Sciences; accepted the Legacy Award from the National Coalition of Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences; was placed among the "Women Who Shape Alabama"; and organized and facilitated the renowned Successful Aging Initiative, a precursor of the Virginia Caples Lifelong Learning Institute (VCLLI), appropriately named in her honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Virginia Caples, a two-time Interim President of Alabama A&M University, was the consummate higher education administrator, was much admired by numerous organizations throughout the nation for her commitment to mankind, higher education, nonprofits, African-American art and culture, aviation and church, and was a true and formidable advocate for 1890 land-grant institutions ...

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the students, faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustees, First Lady, friends and alumni of this great institution, founded in 1875, do hereby extend condolences for the loss of a true and loyal pioneer, administrator and contributor to the rich and storied legacy of Alabama A&M University and do hereby celebrate the life's accomplishments of our beloved Dr. Virginia Caples, acknowledging her phenomenal impact as a teacher, mentor, leader and friend ...

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be presented to the Family of Dr. Virginia Caples as a testament to the University's warm gratitude for having been made a part of her incredible life's journey, which has paved the way for so many through words and deeds, and that copies of this document shall be placed in the University Archives as a permanent record of her endless devotion, legion achievements, unwavering service to higher education, as well as her utter importance to this institution.

*Given This Twenty-Fourth Day of February, Two Thousand and Eighteen*



Andrew Hugine, Jr. Ph.D.  
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