

## The University of West Florida Board of Trustees In recognition & profound appreciation of distinguished service Representative Jayer Williamson

WHEREAS, Representative Jayer Williamson has diligently, and with dedication, served the citizens of Northwest Florida since 2016 as a Florida State Representative; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Representative Williamson has served in multiple chairmanship roles, representing Northwest Florida in House leadership; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williamson sponsored successful funding requests on behalf of the University of West Florida and supported the legislative requests of the university, and continually advocated for those requests as both a member of the House and an alumni of the University of West Florida; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williamson sponsored a House Resolution commending the UWF football team on their historic National Championship title during the 2020 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williamson supported economic development, infrastructure and tourism as a steadfast champion of the West Florida Historic Trust, assisting in securing funding during the 2022 legislative session for Arcadia Mill and other historic Northwest Florida sites; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williamson demonstrated funding support for multiple ongoing programs at the University of West Florida, including the Joint Doctor of Nursing Program, the Joint Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, the Physician's Assistant Program, the Cybersecurity Program, the Military and Veterans Resource Center, and the Office of Economic Development and Engagement; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williamson assisted in securing an increase in the University of West Florida's operational budget for the first time since 2015; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of West Florida Board of Trustees and President Martha Saunders, meeting this day, June 16, 2022, hereby recognizes and commends Representative Williamson as a University of West Florida Legislative Champion due to his contributions to the university and the State of Florida;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is included in the minutes of this meeting and a copy thereof presented to Representative Jayer Williamson as a token of the Board's appreciation.

Suzanne Lewis, Chair

Martha D. Saunders, Ph.D.,

Board of Trustees University of West Florida

President University of West Florida

