

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education recognizes Louis M. Ricciardi on the occasion of the conclusion of his more than five and a half years of service as a member of the Board, with more than four years as vice chair; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ricciardi, a 1981 graduate of Bridgewater State College, joined the College's Board of Trustees in 1989 as the elected alum member, serving as the state's youngest-ever chair from 1990 to 1994 and as secretary from 1994 to 1999, during which time the trustees overhauled the College's organization, established new schools, won a \$10 million federal grant, and, under Mr. Ricciardi's direct leadership, launched the College's first-ever capital campaign; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Mr. Ricciardi was again appointed to serve on the College's Board of Trustees and served as chair from 2006 to 2014, during which time Bridgewater State College was renamed Bridgewater State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ricciardi also served as chair of Bridgewater State University's Foundation from 1996 to 2004, spearheading capital campaigns and, during that time, raising over \$10 million for the university's inaugural endowment campaign; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Ricciardi was elected to the Board of Higher Education by the chairs of the Boards of Trustees of the State Universities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ricciardi has provided strong leadership to the Board of Higher Education in his roles as a member of the Academic Affairs Committee and the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Board of Higher Education, Mr. Ricciardi has been a consistent advocate for the institutions and students that he represents, alignment of system-wide and campus-level strategic planning, and strategic collaboration among the three segments of Massachusetts public higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ricciardi has brought to the Board of Higher Education more than 32 years of experience in business and service to his community as president of the Taunton Development Corporation, as past president of the Taunton Rotary Club, and as a member of the Boards of Directors of Bristol County Savings Bank, Beacon Bancorp, and Morton Hospital;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education commends Mr. Louis M. Ricciardi on the occasion of the completion of his tenure on the Board and for his leadership and the diligence with which he has served the Board.

Charles F. Desmond, Chairman
Massachusetts Board of Higher Education

Richard M. Freeland, Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Higher Education

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