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Introduced by Mr. *Tirado-Rivera*

RESOLUTION

To express the congratulations and recognition of the Senate of Puerto Rico to Dr. George L. Hanbury II, President of Nova Southeastern University (NSU) for his contributions to the development of quality higher education in the United States and Puerto Rico and the intellectual, social, and moral development of thousands of professionals who are now part of the Island's workforce, as well as for his unconditional support to the education community in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is a not-for-profit institution founded in 1964 in the State of Florida that acknowledges the major educational contribution that the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education (FCE) offers through all of its high-quality education programs and continued excellence. This institution has been a pioneer in distance education since 1972 and is largest college of postgraduate studies in the United States. Its programs are offered through different instructional methodologies according to the needs and work schedule of its students, the characteristics of their place of residence, and their personal goals. Said Institution has a university campus in Puerto Rico that offers masters and doctoral degrees in education and pharmacy, among others.

Dr. George L. Hanbury II is the sixth President of Nova Southeastern University. He assumed the role of President and CEO in July 2011. One of his first accomplishments as President was to refocus the university's mission and vision, and lay out eight core values to guide the university into 2020 and beyond: Academic Excellence, Student Centered, Integrity, Innovation, Opportunity, Scholarship/Research, Diversity and Community. One early sign of success is that under Dr. Hanbury's leadership, NSU became one of only 37 universities in the nation to hold the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's dual designation of both "Community Engaged" and "High Research Activity."

Dr. Hanbury turns words into action. In 2017, the south of the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and other areas of the Caribbean, where NSU students, faculty, and staff live, work, and study, experienced an unprecedented destruction by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Thus, the NSU CARES fund was established in the spirit of One NSU and to bring relief to those in the NSU community who are in desperate need of assistance. NSU stood SHARK STRONG with a wonderful outpouring of volunteer efforts to gather much needed relief supplies and deliver them to affected NSU communities. Thanks to the generosity of Drs. Kiran and Pallavi Patel and the Patel Family Foundation, NSU organized various relief flights to Puerto Rico to deliver thousands of pounds of goods to NSU's San Juan Campus.

Prior to his appointment as President, Dr. Hanbury served NSU for twelve years as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Before entering higher education administration, Dr. Hanbury led a successful 30-year career as City Manager of the Cities of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Portsmouth, Virginia; Virginia Beach, Virginia; and as Assistant City Manager in Norfolk, Virginia.

Dr. Hanbury holds a B.S. from Virginia Tech, an M.S. in Public Administration from Old Dominion, and a Ph.D. in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Hanbury also teaches Leadership and Public Administration at NSU's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. He has been certified through the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia and has been

recognized for his leadership by service organizations, city councils and commissions, and chambers of commerce across the nation. Dr. Hanbury has been honored by many organizations, including accolades such as Fort Lauderdale's 2017 Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame Laureate and City of Ft. Lauderdale Walk of Fame inductee, 2015 Sun Sentinel Excalibur Award, 2014 South Florida Business Journal Ultimate CEO award, 2013 Downtowner of the Year, and many other community related awards throughout his career. He also commits much of his time to civic activities by serving on numerous boards, including the Broward Workshop Executive Committee, and the Sunshine State Conference. Dr. Hanbury has lectured throughout the country to various executive groups on topics such as leadership, public policy, the council/manager form of government, economic development, executive motivation and public speaking.

On August 28, 2014, Nova Southeastern University celebrated the grand opening of a new regional campus in Puerto Rico. NSU will be offering masters and doctoral degrees in pharmacy and education at the new campus. The new campus represents an expansion of offerings at NSU and reconfirms its commitment to Puerto Rico. The new regional campus will have an estimated \$27 million economic impact on the Island.

During the inauguration event, the President and Chief Executive Officer of NSU, Dr. George L. Hanbury II stated that "there has never been a better time for NSU to expand its higher educational programs in Puerto Rico, especially in areas such as pharmacy and education where there are critical shortages on the island." He also added that "NSU's new campus in San Juan brings world-class education from a respected university to the backyard of residents of Puerto Rico who want to advance in or change their careers." NSU is considering the expansion in the areas of medicine, nursing, physical therapy and occupational therapy, all of them areas of study where there is a high demand for jobs.

Therefore, for his contribution to the development of quality higher education in the United States and Puerto Rico and to the intellectual, social, and moral development of hundreds of professionals who are now part of the Island's workforce, as well as for his unconditional support to the education community in the wake of Hurricane Maria,

the Senate of Puerto Rico hereby recognizes Dr. George L. Hanbury II and congratulates him on his achievements to advancing higher education in the United States and Puerto Rico.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF PUERTO RICO:

1 Section 1.- The congratulations and recognition of the Senate of Puerto Rico
2 are hereby expressed to Dr. George L. Hanbury II, President of Nova Southeastern
3 University (NSU) for his contributions and achievements in benefit of higher
4 education in the United States and Puerto Rico and his unconditional support to the
5 education community in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

6 Section 2.- Senator Cirilo Tirado-Rivera shall deliver a copy of this Resolution
7 on a parchment scroll to Dr. George L. Hanbury II.

8 Section 3.- This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval.