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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCTORAL STUDENTS COMPLETING THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD (SREB) DOCTORAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

Whereas, one of the goals of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education is to promote quality and diversity in the academic offerings of institutions of higher learning; and

Whereas, in a time when there are so few minority faculty on college campuses in America and when there are not enough minority students seeking Ph.D.s, it is imperative that this State and the nation support those who make decisions and those who execute them to pursue Ph.D.s with intent of pursuing a career in academia; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education recognizes the value of intellectual breadth in graduate education, the importance of formal graduate study, and the diversity of students pursuing careers in postsecondary academia; and

Whereas, SREB Doctoral Scholars graduating from South Carolina institutions in programs leading to the Ph. D. degree during FY 2007-08 include Dr. Shane Davis, Ph.D. - Clinical/Community Psychology, the University of South Carolina; Dr. Cedric Fairbanks, Ph.D. - Civil Engineering, Clemson University; Dr. Dwella Nelson, Ph.D. - Analytical Chemistry, Clemson University; and Dr. Valeria Shipp, Ph.D. - Nursing, The Medical University of South Carolina; now, therefore,

Be it resolved that the South Commission on Higher Education conveys recognition of the dedication, commitment, and achievement of these doctoral graduates and commends the South Carolina General Assembly and all South Carolina Colleges and Universities for their support of the Doctoral Scholars program and for their continual advocacy for an environment that nurtures teaching, learning, research and scholarship, and values diversity; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the South Carolina General Assembly.

South Carolina 2007 South Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Program Graduates

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| Dr. Shane Davis | Clinical/Community Psychology |
| Institution: | The University of South Carolina |
| State of Employment: | Georgia |
| Employment Organization: | Emory University |
| Dr. Cedric Fairbanks | Civil Engineering |
| Institution: | Clemson University |
| State of Employment: | South Carolina |
| Employment Organization: | Schnabel Engineering Consulting |
| Dr. Dwella Nelson | Analytical Chemistry |
| Institution: | Clemson University |
| State of Employment: | Maryland |
| Employment Organization: | Johns Hopkins Medical School |
| Dr. Valeria Shipp | Nursing |
| Institution: | The Medical University of South Carolina |
| State of Employment: | North Carolina |
| Employment Organization: | Winston Salem State University |

SOUTH CAROLINA PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS DATA TO DATE:

| | | <u>% total</u> | <u>States of Employment</u> | |
|---------------------------------|----|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Participants to date: | 55 | | Alabama | 1 |
| Total Graduates: | 28 | 51% | California | 1 |
| Currently Matriculating: | 22 | 40% | Florida | 1 |
| Discontinued before completion: | 5 | 9% | Georgia | 3 |
| | | | Massachusetts | 1 |
| | | | Maryland | 1 |
| | | | Michigan | 1 |
| | | | North Carolina | 4 |
| | | | New Jersey | 1 |
| | | | New Mexico | 1 |
| | | | New York | 1 |
| | | | Ohio | 2 |
| | | | South Carolina | 4 |
| | | | Texas | 1 |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | 23 |
| | | | INDONESIAN FIRM (NAME UNKNOWN) | 1 |
| | | | CARNIGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY | 1 |
| | | | UNKNOWN | 3 |
| | | | GRAND TOTAL | 28 |

States of employment of SC SREB Doctoral Graduates

(as of 2007)

Source: SREB Doctoral Program

