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Resolution

WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education recognizes the outstanding contributions South Carolina State University has made to the state during its 102-year history of providing educational opportunities to the citizens of this state and nation; and

WHEREAS, within three weeks since the start of classes at South Carolina State University, four students have died in three separate incidents. Two of the deaths were the result of an automobile accident on August 12, 1998, which occurred when two students, a sophomore and a junior, were returning to SCSU for the beginning of the fall semester. A third student, a freshman, died on the campus from spinal meningitis on August 20. The fourth student, a sophomore, died in a campus dormitory accident Saturday, August 29; and

WHEREAS, the Commission extends its sincerest sympathy to the parents, families and friends of these fine young students as they deal with the untimely deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education is also well aware of the tremendous emotional trauma these incidents have caused to the administrators, faculty and students at the University as well as to the community and public at large; and

WHEREAS, the Commission continues to be steadfast in its strong support of the University as it copes with these losses;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education extends to the South Carolina State University Board of Trustees, President, administrators, and the entire University family, whatever support and assistance the staff of the Commission can provide to the University as it deals with these incidents and other current challenges.

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R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.
Chairman