

To: Members, Commission on Higher Education
From: Wanda L. Forbes
Re: Agenda, Item "b", CHE meeting March 4, 1976

Concerning action taken at the February meeting of the Commission, with regard to motion described in the minutes. Please note that I was not in favor of the substitute motion, one which I felt would defeat the purpose of a spontaneous expression of appreciation. My motion was not introduced as a matter for debate, or confrontation. To delay, or to debate such a resolution would seem completely inappropriate.

It was most gratifying to learn that the South Carolina Legislature had honored Dr. McCord in a manner such as I hoped we might do. It would seem to have been equally appropriate coming from the Commission charged with recognizing excellence in higher education. (I realize that some Commission members would not even agree with that statement.)

Therefore, I should like to withdraw my motion, but suggest that for the future we consider some type of award, perhaps like the Purple Heart, for deserving past presidents and deposed deans of our public institutions. I believe this matter has provided a rather subtle example of how the Commission on Higher Education has been very often hamstrung in its efforts to serve higher education more effectively in South Carolina.

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