

A R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the acquisition of super computer technology for use by institutions of higher learning in the State of South Carolina is a matter of importance and considerable complexity, and will be of great expense to the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of super computer technology for the State presents significant planning issues such as identification of the most appropriate institution for placement of the resource as well as fair access to the technology by sister institutions of higher learning, agencies of the State of South Carolina, and appropriate access by the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education has in place procedures by which it regularly receives, analyzes and passes upon applications by institutions of higher learning for the resources of the State sought to be appropriated from the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Commission that the administrations of some institutions in the State are seeking from the General Assembly funding for the acquisition of a super computer, without having first submitted their requests to the Commission on Higher Education for review; and

WHEREAS, should the General Assembly make such an appropriation it would claim a substantial portion of the supplemental appropriations likely to be made available to higher education in this State, much to the detriment of other institutions which have complied with the procedures of the Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education in council duly assembled at Erskine College, Due West, South Carolina, that it believes the administration of any institution of higher learning should seek funding for a super computer through the Commission on Higher Education and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission on Higher Education urges the Governor and the General Assembly to take no action with regard to super computer funding for higher education until the Commission has had the opportunity to review the proposals of any institutions which may be qualified to participate in the management of such a significant state resource, and instructs the Commissioner to forward copies of this resolution to the Governor and the appropriate committees of each house of the General Assembly.

DONE this 2 day of March, 1989.