

**RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION  
PROVOST PAULA MYRICK SHORT**

**WHEREAS** Paula Myrick Short joined the University of Houston in July 2012 as Distinguished Professor and Founding Director of the Institute for Policy, Research, and Evaluation. In January 2013, she was appointed Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UH System and Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston. In June 2013, her appointment was made permanent, and she has served and will continue to serve in this capacity until her retirement in August 2022; and,

**WHEREAS** as the chief academic officer, Paula Myrick Short led initiatives to recruit and retain top-quality faculty and support the growth and success of the University of Houston academic enterprise; and,

**WHEREAS** Paula Myrick Short's support for diversity led to an increase of 40% in the number of Black and Hispanic tenured and tenure-track faculty members, 26% increase in the women tenured and tenure-track faculty members and 59% increase in women full professors within 6 years; and,

**WHEREAS** Paula Myrick Short led the establishment of two new colleges: the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts and the Hobby School of Public Affairs and the UH Graduate School; and,

**WHEREAS** Paula Myrick Short spearheaded faculty initiatives such as the establishment of the Center for ADVANCING UH Faculty Success, the Faculty Engagement and Development Center, the Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy, the Faculty Competitive Salary Initiative, and the NTT policy; and,

**WHEREAS** Paula Myrick Short was instrumental in leading UH's new strategic plan; and,

**WHEREAS** Paula Myrick Short, during her tenure, launched numerous successful initiatives focusing on academic quality and student success, including, UHin4, the Open Educational Resources Program, the Provost Summer Read Program, Cougar Initiative to Engage, Global Citizens Credential and the Cub Camp; and,

**WHEREAS** under Paula Myrick Short's leadership, from 2012 to 2020 the University of Houston students' four-year graduation rate increased by 114% and the six-year graduation rate increased by 35%; and,

**WHEREAS** Paula Myrick Short has been an essential, constant, and greatly appreciated partner of the Faculty Senate in shared governance and as a provider of resources including as an original donor to the faculty senate endowment,

**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the University of Houston Faculty Senate, on behalf of the faculty of the University of Houston, issues this resolution in appreciation of Paula Myrick Short in deep gratitude and admiration for her fruitful and rewarding tenure at the University of Houston.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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(President, Faculty Senate)

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