

1 **Resolution 2017-2018-15 In Honor of John C. Hitt,**
2 **president of the University of Central Florida**

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4 **Whereas**, John C. Hitt became the fourth president of the University of Central Florida on
5 March 1, 1992, and has led UCF to become a major metropolitan research university of global
6 impact and a great success story in higher education; and

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8 **Whereas**, the enrollment of UCF during President Hitt’s tenure has increased significantly to
9 more than 66,000 students while the quality of academic programs, faculty, and students has
10 increased dramatically; and

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12 **Whereas**, President Hitt’s drive to establish UCF as America’s Leading Partnership University
13 resulted in many collaborations to advance progress and prosperity in Central Florida, including
14 the UCF College of Medicine and the Medical City at Lake Nona, Direct Connect to UCF, the
15 Florida High Tech Corridor, the Central Florida Research Park, and UCF Downtown; and

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17 **Whereas**, President Hitt has propelled UCF to become the nation’s leader in the overall
18 conferring of degrees and he has awarded more degrees within the State University System of
19 Florida than any other president in state history; and

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21 **Whereas**, President Hitt’s years at UCF coincide with the completion of a 45,000-seat football
22 stadium and a 10,000-seat arena, the graduation of UCF sports to NCAA Division I, and a
23 leading academic success rate of student-athletes among national public universities; and

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25 **Whereas**, President Hitt has helped UCF gain recognition as a 21st-century model for providing
26 a high-value education that is accessible, affordable, and life changing; and

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28 **Whereas**, President Hitt has championed diversity and inclusion while helping to transform
29 countless lives and livelihoods through the power of higher education; and

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31 **Whereas**, President Hitt over these past 26 years has inspired faculty, staff, students, and the
32 community to dream big and to reach for the stars; therefore

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34 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate expresses its deepest appreciation to President Hitt
35 for an extraordinary tenure and for his vision, innovation, inspiration, and leadership that will
36 positively influence the future of UCF and Central Florida for generations to come.

Approved by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee on February 8, 2018.