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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, W. Ellis Arnold III, Hendrix College Class of 1979, has faithfully served his alma mater since 1990, as Vice President for Development and College Relations, Senior Executive Vice President, Dean of Advancement, and General Counsel, and, since December 2019, as President; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Hendrix College, President Arnold received a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, practiced law, and further nurtured his expertise through successful leadership tenures at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tennessee, and Pulaski Academy in Little Rock, Arkansas, before returning to his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, President Arnold has exemplified the highest values of Hendrix College as an ambassador of the institution in his service to the United



Methodist Church and numerous civic, community, and educational organizations; and

WHEREAS, President Arnold is retiring from Hendrix College in June 2023 as the twelfth president of Hendrix College; and

WHEREAS, upon conferring him with the title of President Emeritus, the Hendrix College Board of Trustees expressed its deep appreciation and gratitude to President Arnold for his commitment to the long-term prosperity of Hendrix College, his calm and steady focus on the institution's highest priorities through both challenging and rewarding times, his thoughtful analysis of strategic planning initiatives and decision making, and his deep love for the mission of Hendrix College, which has served the college well through his tenure and resulted in the successful completion of historic campaign fundraising milestones, enrollment and endowment growth, and growing recognition of Hendrix College as a leading national liberal arts college,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate commend W. Ellis Arnold III for his distinguished service to Hendrix College and the State of Arkansas, thank him for his countless contributions, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon adoption, the Secretary of the Senate provide a copy of this resolution to W. Ellis Arnold III.