

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Office of the Board of Regents

January 31, 2017

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Regent Judy Morgan for Her Outstanding Dedication and Service as a Member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and Bestowing the Title of Regent Emeritus

Approval of the following resolution honoring Ms. Judy Morgan by the Board of Regents is recommended:

“WHEREAS, Ms. Judy Morgan received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Houston and a Master of Business Administration from Texas A&M University-Texarkana; and

“WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan was owner and past president of Jack B. Kelley Enterprises, Inc., in Texarkana, Texas, and a longtime member of the U.S. Compressed Gas Association; and

“WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan is past president, and continues to serve on the Board of Directors, of the Women for Texas A&M University-Texarkana; and

“WHEREAS, she has been involved with community activities as founder and past president of the Texarkana Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, co-founder and past president of Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council, co-founder of Texarkana Women for the Arts, and past president of the Sustainers of the Junior League of Texarkana; and

“WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan was past president of the Wadley Regional Medical Center Foundation Board and St. James Day School Board of Directors, and a past member of the Texas A&M University-Texarkana Engineering IT School Endowment Board; and

“WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan served with distinction as a member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, having been appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2011; and

“WHEREAS, she provided leadership as chairman of the Committee on Audit and served three terms as a member of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs and the Bill and Irma Runyon Art Collection Committee; and

“WHEREAS, during her service on the Board of Regents, Ms. Morgan served on the Committee on Finance and as Chairman of the Policy Review Committee and the Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement Committee; and

“WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan served as liaison to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the West Texas A&M University Panhandle Plains Museum; and

“WHEREAS, during her years of service on the Board of Regents, The Texas A&M Health Science Center grew significantly and, in 2013, transitioned into an academic unit of Texas A&M University while still maintaining its state agency status; and

“WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University System established the National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing, an innovative biopharmaceutical education center and therapeutic manufacturing facility. Two important components of this center, the Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Facility and the Live Virus Vaccine Facility, were approved in 2013; and

“WHEREAS, student enrollment at Texas A&M University System institutions grew from 122,345 to more than 148,000; and

“WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University System’s budget grew from \$3.3 billion in 2011 to \$4.2 billion in 2016; and

“WHEREAS, during this time, externally funded research expenditures across The Texas A&M University System increased to more than \$946 million. Texas A&M University is 17th in the nation, making it the largest research university in the Southwest; and

“WHEREAS, during her tenure, Texas Wesleyan School of Law became the Texas A&M University School of Law and Texas A&M College of Dentistry in Dallas became a component of the Texas A&M Health Science Center, which merged with Texas A&M University; and

“WHEREAS, while serving on the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, the Board approved “EmpowerU,” an innovative systemwide initiative to create a website with data on affordability, access and academic success at its 11 institutions which would be readily available to the public and legislative officials; and

“WHEREAS, in 2015, the Board approved the McAllen Higher Education Center, a proposed branch of Texas A&M University in College Station where students would attend the McAllen Higher Education Center and receive a degree from Texas A&M University; and

“WHEREAS, in 2016, the new RELLIS (**R**espect, **E**xcellence, **L**eadership, **L**oyalty, **I**ntegrity, **S**elfless **S**ervice) Campus at the Riverside Campus in Bryan was approved. This campus, partnering with Blinn College, will be a premier, high-tech research, technology development and education campus; and

“WHEREAS, in 2016, Texas A&M University completed a two-year, \$485 million renovation of Kyle Field, one of the largest stadiums in the nation; now, therefore, be it

“RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our deepest gratitude and respect for her distinguished service; and, be it, further

“RESOLVED, that in honor of her esteemed service to the Board of Regents, the title of Regent Emeritus of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System is hereby bestowed upon Ms. Judy Morgan, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto; and, be it, further

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“RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and presented to Ms. Morgan and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System, as a permanent mark of this Board of Regents’ appreciation and gratitude for all that she has done for The Texas A&M University System and for the state of Texas.

“ADOPTED, this 9th day of February 2017.”

Respectfully submitted,

Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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