Introduced November 9, 2010, by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison

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A resolution by the Slidell City Council supporting the accomplishments of the University of New Orleans (UNO) in their first 50 years and looking forward to their continued success in the next 50 years.

WHEREAS, local business leaders, entrepreneurs, attorneys, physicians, engineers, teachers, college professors, journalists, philanthropists, and others, are appreciative of UNO's role in the community as a quality research university, providing students with an affordable economic option to obtain a college degree; and

WHEREAS, understanding the benefit of UNO in creating a professional workforce skilled in business, sciences, engineering, performing and visual arts, humanities and other fields; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate UNO's success in its first 50 years by graduating more than 70,000 young men and women, most of them born and raised in the greater New Orleans area; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge UNO's success by increasing the education of our citizenry; and

WHEREAS, we applaud the vision and efforts of our chancellors, political leadership, faculty, staff and students for 50 years of creativity, building, and solid achievement; and

WHEREAS, we look forward to the appointment of a new chancellor with the vision to build upon the accomplishments of the first 50 years and, along with other stakeholders, to participating in the selection of that new leader; and

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WHEREAS, we look forward to UNO's continued contribution to the cultural, educational, business and research environment of the greater New Orleans area through its unique Programs of Distinction, including the Kabacoff School of Hotel and Tourism Administration, the Charter School Center, the School of Naval Architecture & Engineering, the Advanced Materials Research Institute, the Film Arts Program, Jazz Studies, and others; and

WHEREAS, we look forward to the continued involvement of UNO and supporting foundations in creating economic success for the region through activities such as the UNO Research and Technology Park, the Robert E. Nims Center Film Complex, UNO engineering activities at the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility, the Avondale Shipbuilding Facility, the National WWII Museum, and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art; and

WHEREAS, we look forward to UNO's next 50 years as a strong research university serving our diverse metropolitan region with an independent voice and personality, and

WHEREAS, the cities in the St. Tammany Municipal Association have been asked to adopt similar ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it fully supports the accomplishments of the University of New Orleans (UNO) in their first 50 years and looks forward to their next 50 years.

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ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2010.

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Vice President of the Council

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