WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands is committed to recognizing and rewarding outstanding service to the University and to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alfred O. Heath was appointed and confirmed to the Board of Trustees of the then College, now University of the Virgin Islands in April 1978 and served continuously until 1996; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heath served with distinction for nineteen years, during the administration of three presidents of the University, and participated in numerous Board and University meetings and activities; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this continuing commitment to the development of the University and higher education in the Virgin Islands, In October 1983 and October 1991, Dr. Heath was renominated and reconfirmed as a member of the Board for two additional, consecutive terms of five years each; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished service on the Board, Dr. Heath served on the Long Range Planning Committee and Executive Committee of the Board, and as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board, thereby bringing credibility to the work of the Board; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of his service on the Board, Dr. Heath served the University for nineteen years during which he rendered exemplary and loyal service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heath is a widely respected gentleman with numerous honors and awards for his outstanding achievements in medicine, the military, business, community, government service, and his contributions to elevating the standards of higher education in the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the president, vice presidents and members of the Cabinet of the University join with the Board of Trustees to express profound appreciation and pay tribute to Dr. Alfred O. Heath for his distinguished achievements which have brought mutual acclaim to himself and to the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of his exemplary service to the Board of Trustees and the University of the Virgin Islands, it is hereby authorized by the Board of Trustees that Dr. Alfred O. Heath be granted the status of Trustee Emeritus with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Attested to by the University Administration and Board of Trustees on this 25th day of October 1997:

Auguste E. Rimpel, Jr., Ph.D. Chairman, Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands is committed to recognizing and regarding outstanding service to the University and to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Ruth E. Thomas was appointed and confirmed to the Board of Trustees of the then College, now University of the Virgin Islands, in January 1971 and served continuously until 1997; and

WHEREAS, Miss Thomas served with distinction for twenty-six years, during the administration of three presidents of the University, and participated in numerous Board and University meetings and activities; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her continuing commitment to the development of the University and higher education in the Virgin Islands, in October 1983 and October 1991, Miss Thomas was renominated and reconfirmed as a member of the Board; and

WHEREAS, during her long and distinguished service on the Board, Miss Thomas served on the Executive Committee, and as Vice Chairman of the Board, bringing credibility to the work of the Board; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of her service on the Board, Miss Thomas had served the University for twenty-six years during which she rendered exemplary and loyal service; and

WHEREAS, Miss Thomas is a widely respected linguist, community activist and educator, with numerous honors and awards for her outstanding achievements in education, government and community service, and her contributions to elevating the standards of higher education in the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the president, vice presidents and members of the Cabinet of the University join with the Board of Trustees to express profound appreciation and pay tribute to Miss Ruth E. Thomas for her distinguished achievements which have brought mutual acclaim to herself and to the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of her exemplary service to the Board of Trustees and the University of the Virgin Islands, it is hereby authorized by the Board of Trustees that Miss Ruth E. Thomas be granted the status of Trustee Emeritus with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Attested to by the University Administration and Board of Trustees on this 25th day of October 1997:

Auguste E. Rimpel, Jr., Ph.D. Chairman, Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands is committed to recognizing and rewarding outstanding service to the University and to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sylvia Ross Talbot was appointed and confirmed to the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands in October 1991; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Talbot served with distinction on the Capital Improvement, Buildings and Grounds and Governance Committees of the Board , as well as Vice Chairman of the Board, bringing credibility to the work of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Talbot is a widely respected social worker, community activist and educator with numerous honors and awards for her outstanding achievements in education, government and community service and her contributions to elevating the standard of higher education in the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the president and members of the Cabinet of the University join with the Board of Trustees to express profound appreciation and pay tribute to Dr. Talbot for her invaluable contributions to the University of the Virgin Islands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of her exemplary service to the Board of Trustees and the University of the Virgin Islands, it is hereby authorized by the Board of Trustees that Dr. Sylvia Ross Talbot be granted the status of Trustee Emeritus with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Attested to by the University Administration and Board of Trustees on this 25th day of October 1997:

Auguste E. Rimpel, Jr., Ph.D. Chairman, Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands is committed to recognizing and regarding outstanding service to the University and to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick N. Williams was appointed and confirmed to the Board of Trustees of the then College, now University of the Virgin Islands in 1979 and served continuously until 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served with distinction during the administrations of two presidents of the University and participated in numerous Board and University meetings and activities; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished service on the Board, Mr. Williams served on the Executive Committee, and as Chairman, Acting Chairman, and Vice Chairman of the Board, bringing credibility to the work of the Board; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his continuing commitment to the development of the University and higher education in the Virgin Islands, Mr. Williams was renominated and reconfirmed for consecutive terms for a total of thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished service on the Board, Mr. Williams played a pivotal role in the development of the University, often contributing his administrative expertise to facilitate the work of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is a respected administrator and community leader who through his legislative involvement supported the growth of the University during critical times in its formative years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams through his involvement on the Board of Education facilitated collaborative work between the University and the Board of Education that contributed to elevating the standards of elementary, secondary and higher education in the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the president, vice presidents and members of the Cabinet of the University join with the Board of Trustees to express profound appreciation and pay tribute to Mr. Patrick N. Williams for his invaluable contributions to the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of his exemplary service to the Board of Trustees and the University of the Virgin Islands, it is hereby authorized by the Board of Trustees that Mr. Patrick N. Williams be granted the status of Trustee Emeritus with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Attested to by the University Administration and Board of Trustees on this 25th day of October 1997:

Auguste E. Rimpel, Jr., Ph.D. Chairman, Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands is committed to recognizing and regarding outstanding service to the University and to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Howard L. Jones was appointed and confirmed as one of the founding members to the Board of Trustees of the then College, now University of the Virgin Islands in 1962, and served continuously until 1993; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones served with distinction, beginning with the first interim administration, continuing during the administration, and continuing during the administrations of the three presidents of the University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones worked tirelessly to assist Governor Ralph M. Paiewonsky, and served as the director of the group of educators who studies the question of the need for an institution of higher education in the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished service on the Board, Dr. Jones served on various committees and participated in numerous Board and University meetings and activities; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his continuing commitment to the development of the University and higher education in the Virgin Islands, Dr. Jones was renominated and reconfirmed for consecutive terms for a total of thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished service on the Board, Dr. Jones played a pivotal role in the development of the University, often contributing his expertise in higher education administration to facilitate the work of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones is a respected administrator and educator, who provided untiring efforts and guidance to the University during critical times in tis formative years, including assisting in its evolution from a two-year institution to a first class University, and in other contributions to elevating the standards of higher education in the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the president, vice presidents and members of the Cabinet of the University join with the Board of Trustees to express profound appreciation and pay tribute to Dr. Howard L. Jones for his innumerable and invaluable contributions to the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of his exemplary service to the Board of Trustees and the University of the Virgin Islands, it is hereby authorized by the Board of Trustees that Dr. Howard L. Jones be granted the status of Trustee Emeritus with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Attested to by the University Administration and Board of Trustees on this 25th day of October 1997:

Auguste E. Rimpel, Jr., Ph.D. Chairman, Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands is committed to recognizing and rewarding outstanding executive and community service; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Dr. Darshan S. Padda joined the then College, now University of the Virgin Islands, and built outstanding Cooperative Extension Service and Agriculture Experiment Station programs that became renowned among land grant institutions throughout the United States and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his retirement as Vice President for Research and Land-Grant Affairs and Professor of Genetics in March 1997, Dr. Padda had served the University for twenty-three years and rendered exemplary and loyal service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Padda made significant contributions as a member of the administrative team under the second president, and as a member of the Cabinet under the third president, including launching of the Caribbean Writer, a regional literary magazine; and

WHEREAS, throughout his twenty-three years of service to the University, Dr. Padda brought recognition to himself and the University through many personal and professional accomplishments and awards for the development and implementation of numerous innovative research and community service programs, locally, regionally, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Padda is a widely recognized and respected professional among territorial, regional, national and international organizations for his executive leadership and administrative skills; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Padda has been honored for his distinguished services to a wide variety of professional organization such as the Extension Committee on Organization and Police (ECOP), Caribbean Food Crops Society (CFCS), and the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC); and

WHEREAS, the president, vice presidents and members of the Cabinet of the University join with the Board of Trustees to recognize and pay tribute to Dr. Padda for his many outstanding accomplishments which brought mutual acclaim to himself and the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of his outstanding service to the University, the people of the Virgin Islands and Caribbean, the Board of Trustees of the University hereby authorizes that Dr. Darshan S. Padda be granted the status of Vice President Emeritus with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Attested to by the University Administration and Board of Trustees on this 25th Day of October 1997:

Auguste E. Rimpel, Jr., Ph.D. Chairman, Board of Trustees