

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life William “Bill” E. Lake.

WHEREAS, Bill Lake was born March 4, 1953, in Cleveland, Ohio to William H. Lake and Betty J. (Butterworth) Lake; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lake was raised in the Cleveland area and graduated from West Geauga High School, Chesterland, Ohio in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lake completed a Bachelor of Music Education and a Masters in Music at Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lake was first employed as assistant band director in Parma, Ohio and later as band director at his alma mater West Geauga High School and Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lake married his best friend and sweetheart Emily A. (Wetherald) Lake on September 5, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lake completed his Ph.D. in Music Theory at the University of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Dr. Bill Lake taught at the University of California at Davis, Michigan State University and University of Wisconsin Centers; and

WHEREAS, in August 1988, Dr. Bill Lake began employment as an Assistant Professor at Bowling Green State University; and

WHEREAS, while at BGSU, Dr. Bill Lake founded and established the Master of Music in Music Theory; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake served as a Faculty Senator and as Chair of Amendments and Bylaws Committee in 2005;

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake was an active member of the Society for Music Theory, the College Music Society, the Association for Technology in Music Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake known for his keen eye for detail served as editor of the journal, *In Theory Only*, and *Contemporary Music Forum*, a publication of BGSU’s MidAmerican Center for Contemporary Music; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake wrote book chapters on technology for teaching and George Crumb’s *Ancient Voices of Children*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake published widely-read articles on 20th-century analysis, music cognition, and music theory pedagogy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake taught over 3040 undergraduate and graduate students during his career at Bowling Green State University and,

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake served on many different committees at the Department, College, and University levels; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement, Dr. Bill Lake created and directed BiG Band BG, the Bowling Green Area Community Jazz Band whose members included BGSU faculty members, students, alumni, as well as community members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake expressed great love of teaching and advocated for others; and

WHEREAS, at age 69, Dr. Bill Lake was physically separated from his loved ones on April 26, 2022, by his untimely passing; and

WHEREAS, upon his death, Dr. Bill Lake is survived by Emily Lake, his wife of 40 years, and daughter Anne Lake & her husband Kirby Haugland; his brother Brian J. Lake (Ksenia); his sister Barbara J. Thompson (Joel); many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and -nephews; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake is remembered for his love of family, teaching, community music making, gardening, traveling, and summer camping trips often to historical sites; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake was a devoted father who coached his daughter in music serving frequently as her accompanist, and trained her to be an excellent writer and research as she pursued a Masters of Library and Information Science and her doctorate in musicology at Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Lake, referred to by his students in College of Musical Arts as “Dr. Bill” was described as a forthright, intelligent, funny, caring man who tended to push his students because he believed in them and wanted them to be their “best self”; and

WHEREAS, a former graduate student, DJ Hoek, stated that “studying with Dr. Bill taught me to think more analytically (about not only music but all things) and to strive to find the best, most precise words to express my ideas”; and

WHEREAS, at the April 25th, 2023 Faculty Senate Meeting, the Senate passed unanimously a resolution stating the “Faculty Senate of Bowling Green State University extends to Dr. Bill Lake its most sincere appreciation and gratitude for a lifetime of dedication to teaching, scholarship and service.” The Senate Executive Committee Member Dr. Gene S. Trantham read the entire resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it *Resolved*, That the Bowling Green State University Faculty Senate-

(1) extends its heartfelt sympathies to the family of Dr. William E. Lake

(2) honors the life of Dr. Bill Lake;

(3) honors and, on behalf of Bowling Green State University and the Faculty Senate expresses deep appreciation for the outstanding and important work and service of Dr. Bill Lake to the University and community; and

(4) respectfully requests that this resolution be committed to the records of the Senate and transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Bill Lake.