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Honoring the life Julian Hudson “Joe” Williford Jr.

WHEREAS, Joe Williford was born June 21, 1944 in Atlanta, Georgia to Julian H. Williford Sr. and Evelyn (Marshall) Williford; and

WHEREAS, Joe Williford, at four years of age, moved with his family and grew up in Richmond, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Joe Williford completed his B.S. and M.S. in Animal Science at Virginia Tech University; and

WHEREAS, Joe Williford completed his Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology and graduated from Virginia Tech University in 1972; and

WHEREAS, in August, 1972, Dr. Joe Williford began employment as an Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University, in the Department of Food and Nutrition; and

WHEREAS, while at Texas Tech University, Dr. Joe Williford was awarded and served as Principal Investigator the first Title VII Nutrition program grant from the Federal and Texas Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Title VII nutrition program grant was developed to serve senior citizens in Lubbock Texas and is still offered to the residents of Lubbock Texas today; and

WHEREAS, Joe Williford moved to Bowling Green, Ohio in 1978; and began his employment at Bowling Green State University as an Assistant Professor and program coordinator in Food and Nutrition (FN) in the Department of Home Economics; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Bowling Green State University honored Dr. Joe Williford’s dedication to the FN program by way of the “Joe Williford Food Science Lab”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Williford served the FN program for 38 years through teaching courses in dietetics, restaurant management, nutrition and food science, and graduate nutrition curriculum; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Joe Williford’s 38 years of service to FN, Dr. Joe Williford was instrumental in enabling the FN undergraduate and graduate programs to grow in numbers from 60 to 140 undergraduates, and from 3 to 80 graduate students today.

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Williford worked in collaboration with FN program faculty to address the needs of graduate students in FN by developing a graduate nutrition internship program, Quality Matters approved graduate courses; and the first distance nutrition Master’s program in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Williford taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses during his tenure at BGSU, including: Introductory Nutrition (1978-2014); 6-week Nutrition Studies abroad in the summers (1980-1984); various food science and food management courses; nutrition and aging; and graduate courses in research methods; seminars; and vitamins and minerals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Williford directed over 80 theses including, but not limited to topics such as: taste acuity in older persons; taste panel measurement of acceptance of food recipe modifications; nutrition

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education programs for older Americans; eating habits and incidence of eating disorders in college students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Williford taught over 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students during his career, while writing articles and abstracts for presentations and publications, chapters in texts, and grants for funding; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Williford served on a large number of different committees at the Department, College, and University levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Williford expressed great love of teaching and advocated for others; and

WHEREAS, at age 75, Dr. Joe Williford was physically separated from his loved ones on December 5, 2019, by his untimely passing; and

WHEREAS, upon death his death, Dr. Joe Williford is survived by Sue Houston, his wife of 20 years, and children Joe (Katie) Williford of Perrysburg, Ohio, Todd Williford (Allison Postl) of Sylvania, Ohio, Matt Bolze of Billings, Montana, Kelsey Bolze of Alexandria, Virginia and Elizabeth Bolze of Oxford, United Kingdom, and grandchildren Hayley Williford, Hanna Williford, Cassidy Williford, Hudson Williford, Caraline Postl, Kennedy Perkins and Averi Perkins; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Williford is remembered for his love of golf, traveling, reading and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Williford was a sports enthusiast who favored University of Michigan, Washington Football Team and New York Yankees, and a collector of coins and stamps; and

WHEREAS, at the October 6, 2020 Faculty Senate Meeting, the Senate passes unanimously a resolution stating the “Faculty Senate of Bowling Green State University extends to Dr. Joe Williford its most sincere appreciation and gratitude for a lifetime of support and dedication to teaching, scholarship and service.” The Senate Executive Committee Member Dr. Virginia Dubasik 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. Joe Williford;

(2) honors the life of Dr. Joe Williford;

(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. Joe Williford 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. Joe Williford.