



CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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RESOLUTION
HONORING
DR. RUTH A. HAAS

February 6, 1987

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth A. Haas, the nation's first woman president of a state college, who came to Danbury as Dean of the Danbury Normal School in 1931, and, as president from 1946 to 1975, guided the University through its greatest period of growth, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haas devoted 44 years of her life to WestConn, an institution that grew from 256 students and two buildings to a student body numbering almost 6,000; and expansion of the Midtown Campus to 11 buildings; and construction which began on the new Westside Campus at the time of her retirement, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haas, an untiring lobbyist for the advancement of higher education in Connecticut, developed a network of alumni, relatives and friends around the State to strengthen the University's educational program and expand its physical facilities, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haas oversaw an expansion of courses from its original mandate of elementary teacher education to new programs, including the liberal arts, nursing, secondary education, business administration, and the establishment of master's degree programs in English and mathematics, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haas, a master stateswoman, as well as a scholar and teacher of American History, was an outstanding manager and a superb motivator of others. She, nevertheless, always had time to become personally acquainted with every member of the faculty and staff, as well as most of the students, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haas, in addition to her outstanding professional accomplishments, will be principally remembered with affection and respect by those thousands of individuals whose lives she touched most deeply,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University honors the memory of Dr. Ruth A. Haas for her full-time devotion of 44 years to Connecticut higher education and its students, and for her strength of character, dedication, intellectual acuity, and unceasing work in our behalf.

A Certified True Copy:



L. J. Davidson, Chairperson

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February 11, 1987

Miss Frederika Batchelor
Librarian
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut 06268

Dear Miss Batchelor:

The Connecticut State University Board of Trustees at their February 6 meeting passed the attached resolution honoring your Aunt, President Haas.

Ruth, as you know, was held in very high regard by our Board and her colleagues, the University Presidents.

Sincerely,

Dallas R. Beal
President

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