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East Lansing, MI 49924

To the Faculty Senate:

This letter is written to request that the Faculty Senate acknowledge (by resolution) the remarkable accomplishments of Dr. Teresa Woodruff – first as provost and later as interim president of Michigan State University. Under her leadership, Michigan State University has successfully navigated a series of traumatic events – as well as implemented several institution-enhancing initiatives:

I) Successful response to the Covid epidemic as a national leader

II) An empathetic and people-centric response to a devastating campus shooting

III) The development and implementation of a strategic diversity initiative and plan that is a national referent

IV) The development of the Spartan Tuition Advantage Scholarship plan as a component of enhanced student success

V) The construction of the Multicultural Center on campus

VI) Programs that have resulted in a substantial reduction in the “graduation gap,” and generally enhancing the student success initiative (as noted above)

VII) Michigan State University has achieved its highest national ranking in history

VIII) Achieving the most diverse management group in the history of Michigan State University

IX) Achievement of a stable campus environment – with community dialogues, medical and other partnerships, record fundraising and research grant funding – all in spite of ongoing social, medical and economic turmoil locally and nationally.

These accomplishments have been produced through hard work – without grandstanding or other forms of self-aggrandizement.

Finally, I am writing this letter as a faculty member. It is not meant as a statement or representation of/from others or related to my job or other relationships at Michigan State University.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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