



Bill No. _____
Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, PUBLICLY COMMENDING AND HONORING VICE CHANCELLOR KAREN L. WHITE FOR OVER 42 YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE STUDENTS OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY- SOUTH BEND

WHEREAS, Karen L. White is originally from Buffalo, New York, and she relocated to South Bend at an early age. She attended Harrison Elementary School on South Bend's westside and graduated from Central High School. Ms. White received her Bachelor's Degree in psychology and social work from Indiana State University, Terre Haute, and her Master's in Education from Indiana University, and

WHEREAS, On September 1, 1974, Karen joined Indiana University-South Bend staff as a counselor, and after over 42 years of exemplary service, Karen White will retire, and

WHEREAS, Karen's road to community service began while she was a high school student and has continued throughout her college and professional life, and

WHEREAS, service to family, community, and education are the hallmarks of Karen L. White's journey. And she is a firm believer—in thought and deed—in the tenet, as stated by Marian Wright Edelman: "Service is the rent we pay for living." She is the only African American who has served both as the President of the South Bend Community School Corporation Board of Directors, and as President of the South Bend Common Council, and

WHEREAS, Ms. White is a proud alumna of Indiana University-South Bend and has served in various capacities for over 42 years. From her beginning days as a counselor, frequently recognized for her exemplary administrative leadership skills, Karen has served in many key administrative roles, and

WHEREAS, she became the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and Director of the Freshman Division, in 1989. In 2000, she began to serve as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Students. She was also asked to serve as Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management from July 1 to October 31, 2007. Then, she became Director of the Summer Leadership Academy in 2008 and has continued to serve in that role for many years since. From her appointment in 2005 until today, Karen holds the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Services and Dean of Students, and

WHEREAS, her greatest joy remains her ability to work with students. She has taught the University Life Seminar for nearly a decade. The students in her seminar, numbering in the hundreds, have all graduated. She has always said that they – and every student – are her babies and she would have them "for life!" Those statements have proven true, as many of the children of those students have been mentored and guided by Karen.

WHEREAS, Ms. White has received numerous awards and honors for her many civic and public services, including the E. Ross Bartley Memorial Award presented by Indiana University in recognition of meritorious and extraordinary administrative and supporting services, and the 2012 Charlie Nelms Alumni Award for her dedication to ensuring access and success of students at IU South Bend, and

WHEREAS, the "Your Dreams are Possible" Karen White Scholarship has been instituted in her honor to support underrepresented students or a 21st Century Scholar, with financial need.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City South Bend, Indiana, as follows:

Section I. The Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, publicly honors and congratulates Karen L. White on her integrity, knowledge and commitment to service. Throughout her tenure at Indiana University- South Bend, she has served generations of students with grace.

Section II. Although, Karen will continue to serve the residents of South Bend in various capacities, the Common Council wishes Karen the best as she begins the next journey of her life in retirement.

Section III. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

Tim Scott, 1st District

Oliver J. Davis, 6th District

Regina Williams Preston, 2nd District

John Voorde, At Large

Randy Kelly, 3rd District

Gavin Ferlic, At Large

Jo M. Broden, 4th District

Robert Palmer, Council Attorney

Dr. David Varner, 5th District

Attest:

Approved this 26th day of June, 2017

Kareemah N. Fowler, City Clerk

Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend