

1 program, both of which significantly enhanced alumni participation and fundraising for the
2 department; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Guice's passion for teaching and education earned him distinction
4 within the university and a number of accolades and leadership positions, and in 1999, Dr.
5 Guice's dedication to his students, colleagues, and university led to his appointment as dean
6 of the Louisiana Tech College of Engineering and Science; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Guice's accomplishments and innovations while dean of the College
8 of Engineering and Science led to his appointment as vice president for research and
9 development in 2004, and the title of executive vice president in 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Dr. Guice led the establishment of Louisiana Tech's
11 first two technology incubators, the Rawle Center and Humana Enterprise Center, and
12 Louisiana Tech significantly increased its innovative productivity and established strong
13 industry partnerships for the commercialization of technologies; and

14 WHEREAS, following a national search and a series of public forums and
15 interviews, the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Dr.
16 Guice as Louisiana Tech's 14th president in December 2012, and on April 8, 2013, the
17 investiture of Dr. Guice and the official conferral of office and authority took place; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Les Guice's continued focus on the future and his progressive vision
19 for economic development led to the planning and development of the Louisiana Tech
20 Enterprise Campus - a research park connecting the university with downtown Ruston and
21 industries throughout north Louisiana; and

22 WHEREAS, outside of his academic career, Dr. Guice has served as the Founding
23 Chair for the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative, Chair of the Louisiana EPSCoR
24 Committee, Chair of the Board of Regents Master Plan Research Advisory Council, Chair
25 of the Louisiana Innovation Council, Vice Chair of Conference USA Board of Directors,
26 member of the Governor's Cyber Commission, and member of the Committee of 100 of
27 Louisiana; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Guice's recognitions include the 2009 Robert E. Russ Award from
29 the Ruston/Lincoln Parish Chamber of Commerce, the 2008 Outstanding Civil Engineer
30 from the ASCE Louisiana Section, the 2007 Louisiana Tech University Civil Engineering

