

## Senate Resolution 24 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

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1 A Resolution honoring Dr. Sally Mason and her

2 outstanding achievements as President of the  
3 University of Iowa.

4 WHEREAS, in 2007, Dr. Mason was appointed the 20th  
5 President of the University of Iowa after a remarkable  
6 academic career as a researcher, professor, department  
7 chair, dean, and provost at several other leading  
8 Midwest universities; and

9 WHEREAS, in the following eight years, President  
10 Mason has demonstrated exceptional resolve in leading  
11 the University of Iowa through a devastating flood and  
12 economic recession; and

13 WHEREAS, President Mason has provided national  
14 leadership as a member of many prestigious  
15 organizations including as Chair of the Association of  
16 Public and Land-Grant Universities Board of Directors  
17 and as Chair of the Big Ten Council of Presidents and  
18 Chancellors; and

19 WHEREAS, President Mason has furthered the  
20 development of the University of Iowa as a world-class  
21 institution through many notable achievements  
22 including:

- 23 1. Increased enrollment to 31,387 students in 2014.
- 24 2. Enhanced student success as indicated by

1 increased freshman retention rates, increased  
2 four-year graduation rates, and increased  
3 employment-after-graduation rates.

4 3. Prioritized student access to education by  
5 offering debt counseling, expanding free tutoring  
6 services, implementing a six-point plan to combat  
7 sexual assault, expanding partnership agreements with  
8 Iowa community colleges, enhancing distant learning  
9 programs, providing free summer courses through Summer  
10 Hawk Tuition Grants, and implementing programs to  
11 assist first-generation and under-represented students.

12 4. Reinvigorated campus infrastructure by  
13 overseeing the completion of more than 25 projects  
14 including a state-of-the-art learning commons, the  
15 Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building, the College of  
16 Public Health Building, and the Campus Recreation and  
17 Wellness Center.

18 5. Initiated new campus construction projects  
19 which are not yet completed, including the Hancher  
20 Auditorium replacement, the Art Building replacement,  
21 the Mary Louise Petersen Residence Hall, the Voxman  
22 Music Building, and the University of Iowa Children's  
23 Hospital; NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
25 expresses its sincere gratitude to President Sally  
26 Mason for her years of service to the University of  
27 Iowa and to the people of Iowa and honors her effort,  
28 leadership, and outstanding achievements in improving  
29 the University of Iowa during her tenure; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this

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- 1 Resolution be presented to University of Iowa President
- 2 Sally Mason.