WHEREAS, George Pierce served as the Vice President for Business & Financial Affairs for Western Washington University, from 1989 to 2009, and;

WHEREAS, George Pierce provided strong and dedicated leadership to his division and provided oversight for construction, renovation and maintenance of university buildings and grounds, development and oversight of the capital budget, campus safety, human resources, and environmental health and safety, and;

WHEREAS, under his direction, the university has completed many large capital projects such the new Chemistry, Biology, and Science, Math and Technology Education buildings, the Communications Facility building, the Wade King Student Recreation Center and the Campus Services facility, the Academic Instruction Facility and the renovations of Haggard Hall and the Viking Union, and;

WHEREAS, George Pierce and his staff worked closely with students who led the effort to have Western receive 100 percent of its electricity from renewable resources, and;

WHEREAS, George Pierce provided leadership for important “green campus” objectives and was instrumental in the creation of the Office of Sustainability and the development of the Lincoln Creek Transportation Center, and;

WHEREAS, George Pierce holds a master’s degree in Political Science from the New School for Social Research in New York City, and a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the Claremont Graduate School;

WHEREAS, George Pierce was selected as the “Campus Leader Who Cares” by the Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association, and as “Administrator of the Year” by the Western Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, and;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University hereby offers thanks and commendation to George Pierce for his many achievements and for his service as Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs.

Dated and signed this 12th day of June, 2009.

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Phil E. Sharpe, Jr., Chair

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Dennis Madsen, Secretary