

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**AGENDA ITEM: 3 – B**  
**DATE: October 4-5, 2023**

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**SUBJECT**

**Resolution of Recognition**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

John W. Bastian served the people of the state of South Dakota for eight years, from March 2014 to May 2023, as a member of the South Dakota Board of Regents.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The South Dakota Board of Regents wishes to recognize former Regent John Bastian for his outstanding service to the higher education system in South Dakota.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – Resolution of Recognition – John W. Bastian

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**DRAFT MOTION 20231004\_3-B:**

I move to recognize John Bastian for his service to South Dakota’s system of public higher education.

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, John W. Bastian served the people of the state of South Dakota from March 2014 to May 2023, before his departure from the South Dakota Board of Regents; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Bastian served with distinction as President of the Board from 2020-2022, Vice President of the Board in 2018-2019, and Secretary of the Board in 2017, where he was an active member of the Executive Committee and led proficiently during a time of unprecedented changes and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Bastian aided to the selection of leadership positions for the Board of Regent system, including serving as chair of the 2020 Executive Director search and the 2017 South Dakota Mines Presidential search, co-chair for 2023 South Dakota School of Blind and Visually Impaired Superintendent search, and an active member of the 2019 Northern State University Presidential search; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time on the Board, Regent Bastian has served as the Chair on the committee of academic and student affairs leading multiple discussions on program health, new program requests, collaboration, and agreements for the Regental system; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time on the Board, Regent Bastian took a diligent and thoughtful approach to ensuring South Dakota's public universities remain affordable and offer opportunities for all students to succeed in their educational pursuits; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is the desire of the Board of Regents to recognize Regent John W. Bastian for his service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Regent John W. Bastian be thanked for his contributions and dedication to the betterment of students' higher education, and it is ordered that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Regent Bastian.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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Tim Rave, President

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Jeffrey D. Partridge, Vice President

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Douglas Morrison, Secretary

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