Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A Resolution honoring Dr. Bob Fisher upon the occasion of his retirement as President of Belmont University.

WHEREAS, Dr. Bob Fisher will retire in May 2021 after more than two decades serving as President of Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, Fisher earned his BSBA from Henderson State University, an MBA from the University of Memphis, and a PhD in economics and management from the University of Arkansas before entering a career in academic service; and

WHEREAS, prior to his Belmont appointment in April 2000, Fisher served as a professor at the University of Central Arkansas, dean of the school of business at Henderson State University, and then vice president for academic affairs at Arkansas State University; and

WHEREAS, throughout Dr. Fisher's tenure, Belmont University has grown exponentially in size, stature, and status, becoming the largest ecumenical Christian university in the nation; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known around Belmont as "Bob the Builder," Fisher has led the campus through extraordinary development since his tenure began with more than $1 billion invested in new facilities and property acquisitions resulting in new athletics facilities, the Curb Event Center, and McAfee Concert Hall, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Fisher's tireless efforts at Belmont's helm led to the addition of a College of Law, a College of Pharmacy, and the announced plans for a College of Medicine, as well as the expansion of undergraduate and graduate programs; and

WHEREAS, during Fisher's tenure, Belmont University remarkably hosted two presidential debates on campus, one in 2008 and most recently in 2020; and

WHEREAS, throughout his time in Nashville, Dr. Fisher has also given of his time for the betterment of Nashville, including service as chair of the board for the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation, the Policing Policy Commission, the Board of Directors for the National Museum of African American Music, the Pencil Foundation, and Alignment Nashville; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of Dr. Bob Fisher and wish him well in his retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as honoring Dr. Bob Fisher upon the occasion of his retirement as President of Belmont University.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to Dr. Bob Fisher.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.