

## Testimonial Resolution

## Dr. Gregory J. Vincent

Celebrating the 21<sup>st</sup> President of Talladega College, Alabama

Alabama's First Private Historically Black Liberal Arts College; Academic Excellence for Over 150 Years

- WHEREAS:** *Dr. Gregory J. Vincent is an award-winning educator, executive, acclaimed civil rights attorney, and community leader who now serves as the 21st President of Talladega College. Dr. Gregory J. Vincent recently served at the University of Kentucky, as Professor of Educational Policy and Law, Inaugural Executive Director of the Education and Civil Rights Initiative, and Program Chair of the Ph.D. Senior Diversity Officer Specialization; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Dr. Gregory J. Vincent's personal, educational & professional achievements and career milestones demonstrate his commitment to education, which includes serving from 2005 - 2017 as the W. K. Kellogg Professor of Community College Leadership and Professor of Law at the University of Texas at Austin, where, as Vice-President for Diversity and Community Engagement he developed the academic national model of Diversity and Community Engagement. In 2016, Dr. Gregory J. Vincent was a major litigant in the case of Fisher v. University of Texas, in which the U. S. Supreme Court ruled to uphold the use of affirmative action in higher education; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Dr. Gregory J. Vincent served as Ohio's Assistant Attorney General in the early 1990s, and successfully argued several major civil rights cases before the Ohio State Supreme Court. He went on to serve as Director for Regional and Legal Affairs at the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and later, as Vice-President and lead counsel for Bank One. He earned his Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where Dr. Gregory J. Vincent serves on the National Advisory Council and was named the 2022 Awardee of the Inclusion Excellence Award and the 2012 Service Award. Dr. Gregory J. Vincent earned a Doctorate of Education from The University of Pennsylvania, where he was named Educator of the Year in 2016; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Dr. Gregory J. Vincent served as Grand Sire Archon, which is Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc., also known as "The Boule;" America's oldest African-American Greek-Letter organization. Dr. Gregory J. Vincent was the 2022 awarded the Black Professional Alliance (BPA) Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2023 National Forum for Black Public Administrators ( NFBPA) Educator of the Year and was honored with the 2023 Dr. Judson Jemison Award by the Staunton Chapter of the NAACP; and Now, Therefore Be It*

**RESOLVED:** The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Councilman At Large #1 along with the Entire Honorable Body of the Detroit City Council celebrates the Academic Excellence, Purpose-Driven Life, and the Example of Laser-Focused Vision & Greatness in Leadership represented by the Graciously Indomitable Dr. Gregory J. Vincent. Thank You for Your Service to The People

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

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Saturday, April 6th 2024: 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Presented at the Scholarship &amp; Endowment Dinner ~ Detroit Golf Club ~ Detroit, Michigan