

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2009-1010

TITLE: Resolution Honoring Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek

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WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek came to the University of Florida in 1975 as an assistant professor of Agricultural Education and Communication, served as assistant department chair and was promoted to Professor in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek was assistant dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences from 1992-1999; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek was dean of the university's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences from 1999-2004; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek is Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek is the administrative head of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences which includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the School of Natural Resources and the Environment, the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, elements of the College of Veterinary Medicine the Agricultural Experiment Station (with 13 research and education centers throughout Florida) and the Cooperative Extension Service with offices in each of the state's 67 counties; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Cheeks tenure as Professor, Dr. Cheek was awarded Teacher of the Year for the College of Agricultural and Life Science, Alpha Zeta Professor of the Year, and first recipient of the University of Florida Faculty Superior Accomplishment Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek is a Fellow of the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture and was awarded the Ensminger-Interstate Distinguished Teaching Award; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, he received the Morton Wolfson Faculty Award for outstanding contributions to the quality of student life at the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek is a Brother of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and is a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Alpha Zeta, and Phi Delta Kappa honor societies and numerous professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek is leaving the University of Florida to become The Chancellor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; then

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the students of the University of Florida acknowledge the accomplishments of Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the students of the University of Florida will miss Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.