BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 101-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, CELEBRATING DR. EDWIN MASSEY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATION TO HIGHER EDUCATION AT INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, for over 47 years, Dr. Edwin Massey has worked tirelessly to better the lives of Stuart residents through his career at Indian River State College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Massey came to Fort Pierce in July of 1973, from Laurel, Mississippi, with his wife, Jo, and their two small daughters for a teaching position at the college which was then called Indian River Community College; and

WHEREAS, by 1978, Dr. Massey had moved from the classroom to the first of a series of administrative positions, and in 1988, at the age of 41, he became the college's third president. During his tenure, the institution formerly known as Indian River Junior College and then Indian River Community College, began awarding four-year bachelor's degrees and built 71% of the nearly 1.6 million square feet of classroom, lab, and operational building space on five campuses in four counties; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Massey established a partnership with Martin County to locate the Morgade Library on the Chastain Campus in 2001. In addition, he started Clark Advanced Learning Center in 2004 which is recognized as an "A" high school that ranks highest among all Treasure Coast high schools. Seventy percent of Clark seniors graduate with an AA degree from Indian River State College concurrent with high school completion. The partnership between the College and Martin County also included the Wolf Center located on the Chastain Campus. Since its opening in 2005, the Wolf Center has provided space for community events. The Chastain Campus now serves 5000 students annually with seventeen percent of those students being dual enrolled in local high schools. The Chastain Campus along with the Career Training Center, located at Stuart Square shows Dr. Massey's commitment to higher education in the Stuart, Martin County community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Massey has won many awards for the college including the 2019 Aspen Prize for excellence among community colleges, signifying it as the best among the 1,100 community colleges in the country. He gained unanimous approval by the Florida State Board of Education to implement 20 Bachelor's Degree programs, and received SACS accreditation for IRSC to become a Level II Baccalaureate-granting institution; and

WHEREAS, even before he became president, Dr. Massey was lobbying legislators in Tallahassee for state funds. He has been to every legislative session in the state capital since the mid-1980s, meeting with Senate presidents and House leaders. The IRSC Foundation has seen its assets grow more than 1,700 percent to $116.3 million during his tenure. He meets regularly with various work groups and departments across the college and is always planning for the future; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, does hereby honor Dr. Edwin Massey for his many years of faithful and

dedicated service to the Treasure Coast and for exemplifying outstanding citizenship through his major contributions to our educational services in Stuart, Florida.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
MICHAEL J. MEIER, MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, VICE MAYOR				
MERRITT MATHESON, COMMISSIONER				
REBECCA S. BRUNER, COMMISSIONER				
TROY McDONALD, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED this 24th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

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MARY R. KINDEL
CITY CLERK

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MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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MICHAEL J. MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY