



**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICE OF
PRESIDENT THOMAS J. LEBLANC (22/4)**

WHEREAS, President Thomas LeBlanc has served for more than four years with distinction as the President of the George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, President Thomas LeBlanc demonstrated outstanding leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic by prioritizing the safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff, involving numerous health experts to help the University formalize its response based on scientific evidence, and collaborated with colleagues at other academic institutions in the District and with the District of Columbia government; and

WHEREAS, President Thomas LeBlanc led a team which oversaw transitioning of the entire University to virtual and hybrid learning during the peak of the pandemic, brought our campus back to life in the Fall of 2021, and oversaw a deeply meaningful Bicentennial Celebration on the Mall; and

WHEREAS, President Thomas LeBlanc enhanced the student experience by developing double majors in STEM and Non-STEM fields, expanding the ability of students to take courses across traditional school boundaries, included the 18th credit hour in existing tuition, expanding community spaces, promoting sustainability, and beginning the renovation of Thurston Hall; and

WHEREAS, President Thomas LeBlanc increased alumni engagement and philanthropy with a special priority on student aid; and

WHEREAS, President Thomas LeBlanc oversaw and championed expanding the eligibility for full financial aid, in particular of PELL awardees; and

WHEREAS, President Thomas LeBlanc recruited several outstanding deans who have contributed in great measure to the university's stature and reputation; and

WHEREAS, President Thomas LeBlanc undertook a transformative initiative, with far-reaching implications for the George Washington University, to reintegrate the Medical Faculty Associates into the University, renegotiate the fundamental University relationship with the George Washington University Hospital and Universal Health Systems, and develop a plan for expanding the George Washington University physician presence at the new hospital on the St. Elizabeth's campus, which will provide care to the most underserved, vulnerable populations in the District of Columbia;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY THAT**

The Faculty Senate of the George Washington University expresses its appreciation to President Thomas J. LeBlanc for his more than four years of distinguished service and commends him for his leadership and many contributions to the University.

Arthur J. Wilson, Chair, Faculty Senate Executive Committee
December 10, 2021