



Resolution

in honor of

Southern Wine & Spirits of America

PRESENTED BY FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

- WHEREAS:** the partnership between Southern Wine & Spirits of America, the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Florida International University, and Florida International University (FIU) began in 1997 with the Florida Extravaganza;
- WHEREAS:** the Southern Wine & Spirits Beverage Management Center at the FIU Biscayne Bay Campus opened in 1999 and has become a world-class resource for enhancing beverage management education for future leaders of the hospitality industry;
- WHEREAS:** proceeds from the Florida Extravaganza event benefited the Beverage Management Endowment and the Southern Wine & Spirits Beverage Management Center at the FIU School of Hospitality and Tourism Management;
- WHEREAS:** in 2001 the Florida Extravaganza was rechristened the South Beach Wine & Food Festival, as a three-day, weekend destination event with wine tastings, celebrity chef seminars, wine and food pairings, and exotic Winemaker dinners;
- WHEREAS:** together the Florida Extravaganza and the South Beach Wine & Food Festival, have been major contributors benefiting Beverage Programs, Scholarships, the Teaching Restaurant, and the Southern Wine & Spirits Beverage Management Center at the FIU School of Hospitality and Tourism Management;
- WHEREAS:** each year, hundreds of FIU students have gained high quality, practical experience working alongside some of the world's greatest chefs and sommeliers;
- WHEREAS:** the South Florida community and the University received exceptional national and international exposure;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Florida International University Board of Trustees hereby recognizes the outstanding leadership of Southern Wine & Spirits of America and its principals, Harvey Chaplin, Wayne Chaplin, and Mel Dick; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Florida International University Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges the contributions of Southern Wine & Spirits of America and its management team to Florida International University and the South Florida community; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Florida International University Board of Trustees hereby extends its appreciation to Southern Wine & Spirits of America for its critical role in the education and training of countless students in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Florida International University Board of Trustees hereby commends and salutes Southern Wine & Spirits of America as an outstanding partner of Florida International University.

David A. Parker
Chairman, Board of Directors

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