



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #14

Thanking and Celebrating President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes

ABSTRACT: This resolution intends to recognize the work done by President Emeritus H. T. Rhodes for the Cornell community and to send President Emeritus Rhodes the regards of the current Student Assembly.

Sponsored by: Dale Barbaria '19

Whereas, President Emeritus Frank Harold Trevor Rhodes served as the ninth President of Cornell University for eighteen years from 1977 to 1995;

Whereas, Frank H. T. Rhodes served as President during the creation of the current shared governance system, allowing for the creation of the undergraduate Student Assembly;

Whereas, under the leadership of President Rhodes, minority enrollment at Cornell grew from eight percent in 1977 to twenty-eight percent in 1994;

Whereas, during the tenure of President Rhodes, the number of women and individuals who identify as minorities on the Cornell faculty more than doubled;

Whereas, President Rhodes led a \$1.5 billion capital campaign to strengthen support for financial aid, educational programs, and libraries;

Whereas, President Emeritus Rhodes has remained in Ithaca throughout the two decades following his presidency and continues to participate in University events, including Sunday, October 16th's reopening of the Lindseth Climbing Center, which originally opened during his presidency;

Whereas, President Rhodes held great respect for Cornell University, and declared in his inaugural address that research universities like Cornell are "a national asset, whose well-being is of paramount importance to the nation's welfare, security, prosperity, and health ... the great reservoir on which the fulfillment of all our hopes and larger social aspirations must draw ... humankind's best hope against the stark alternatives of the future."

Whereas, On October 29, 2016, Frank H. T. Rhodes will celebrate his 90th Birthday;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly, on behalf of the undergraduate student body of Cornell University, declares Saturday, October 29, 2016 a day to acknowledge and honor the past and present work of Frank H. T. Rhodes;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly wishes President Emeritus Rhodes a happy birthday and sends their warmest regards;

Be it finally resolved, that the Clerk of the Student Assembly and the Office of the Assemblies prepare a copy of this resolution to be sent to President Emeritus Rhodes;

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