



## **RESOLUTION**

### **BENJAMIN F. PAYTON**

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Payton was appointed the ninth president of Benedict College from 1967-1972 and the fifth president of Tuskegee University from 1981-2010. As President of Benedict College and Tuskegee University, he served as a representative of these institutions to the United Negro College Fund, Inc. for a total of 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Payton performed his responsibilities for the United Negro College Fund, Inc. with distinction as Chair of the Member Presidents, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Members, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Accreditation Committee, Chair of the Nominating Committee, as a member of the Scholarships and Program Services Advisory Committee and as an Institutional Director on UNCF's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Payton has served Benedict College, Tuskegee University and the United Negro College Fund, Inc. faithfully and with great distinction;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Payton's death has left a void in the cause of black private education; and

WHEREAS, the members of the United Negro College Fund recognize the legacy, rich in the sense of responsibility will long remain;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT the members of the United Negro College Fund express their profound sorrow at the passing of Benjamin F. Payton, a respected colleague and trusted friend of college presidents, and acknowledge this day for the future, the deep appreciation and gratitude we all share for the countless ways Benjamin F. Payton so ably served the cause of black higher education.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

THAT the members of the United Negro College Fund grieve the loss of Benjamin F. Payton but rejoice because of the accomplishments and generosity, which were manifested through the years by such an esteemed colleague.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:**

THAT a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the family of Benjamin F. Payton and to the Archives of the United Negro College Fund for permanent preservation.

Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D., President & CEO

Haywood L. Strickland, Ph.D., Chair of the UNCF Member Presidents