

Motion to Honor the Career of Dr. A Jerry Benson
Faculty Senate of James Madison University
April 27, 2017

Whereas Dr. A. Jerry Benson has had a distinguished career at James Madison University since 1980, transitioning through the ranks to Professor of Psychology and serving in roles including Director of the Shenandoah Valley Child Development Clinic and JMU Human Development Center; Dean of the College of Education and Psychology and of the College of Integrated Science and Technology; Vice Provost for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Health and Human Services; and Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and

Whereas Dr. Benson has committed his career to making the university a place for rigorous scholarship and transformative student education and development, and he has exhibited a respect for the importance of our instructional faculty, and

Whereas Dr. Benson has guided many initiatives, including the formation of the engineering program; doctorate of nursing practice program; the Madison Collaborative: Ethical Reasoning in Action; the College of Integrated Science and Engineering; the College of Health and Behavioral Studies; and international master's programs in Education (Spanish Language and Culture for Educators) in Salamanca, Spain and Integrated Science and Technology (Environmental Management and Sustainability) in Malta, and

Whereas Dr. Benson has worked closely with the James Madison University Faculty Senate for seven years, attending Senate Steering Committee and full Senate meetings, as well as promoting faculty concerns, particularly those of shared governance and compensation, and

Whereas Dr. Benson's interactions with the Faculty Senate have always served as a model for collaboration and transparency between faculty governance and university administration, now therefore be it

Resolved that the Faculty Senate expresses sincerest gratitude to Dr. Benson for his efforts and professionalism, acknowledges his many accomplishments and extends our best wishes for his retirement.