

Resolution in Memory of Billy A. Barrios

Whereas, Billy A. Barrios was born in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana on September 28, 1952, and died in Oxford, Mississippi, on August 11, 2006, and

Whereas, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Louisiana State University in 1974, his Master of Science degree from Mississippi State University in 1976, and his Doctor of Philosophy degree from The University of Utah in 1980, and

Whereas, he served as Assistant Professor at the University of Alaska at Anchorage from 1979 to 1980 and as Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Virginia from 1980 to 1981, and

Whereas, he joined the clinical psychology faculty of the University of Mississippi in 1981 and became the University Psychologist at the University Counseling Center in 2001, and

Whereas, his prolific contributions to his field included publishing over fifty articles and chapters in professional journals and books and presenting over sixty papers at professional meetings, and

Whereas, he further contributed to his field by serving on the Board of Editors (1982 – 1990) and then as Associate Editor (1984 – 1986) for *Behavioral Assessment*, and served on other Boards of Editors such as *Behavior Therapy* (1981, 1983), the *Journal of Consulting & Clinical Psychology* (1986 – 1987), *Psychological Assessment* (1993 – 1994) and *Behaviour Research & Therapy* (1991 – 2001), and

Whereas, he was a member of the professional organizations of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences and the Mississippi Psychological Association, and

Whereas, his scholarship was recognized by the University when he received its Outstanding Contribution to Counseling Psychology award in 1998, and

Whereas, he further served the community as a member of the Faculty Senate from 1997-2000, as Coordinator of clinical practice in the Department of Psychology from 1989 to 1997, and as Director of Clinical Training for the University Counseling Center from 1997 to 2006, and

Whereas, one of his greatest joys and gifts was teaching the students at this University for twenty-five years, demonstrating this through his creativity, energy and commitment to them in teaching over one hundred undergraduate and graduate classes, and

Whereas, another of his great joys was in fostering, encouraging and inspiring development in students as he directed over thirty-three doctoral dissertations, over

twenty-one master's theses and served as a member of another seventy dissertation and fifty-four thesis committees, and

Whereas, he was recognized for his outstanding teaching by being the inaugural recipient of Mississippi Association's Outstanding Teacher award in 1989, the Patricia B. Harris Mentor Award in 1994, the Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher award in 1995, the Mississippi State Legislature HEADWAE Professor award in 1996, and the Lambda Sigma Honorary Society Outstanding Teacher award in 1999, and

Whereas, he was a practicing Zen Buddhist and a member of the Zen Peacemaker Order, committing his life, his practice and his heart to fostering lovingkindness in this community, and

Whereas, the University Counseling Center gave him the opportunity to creatively express his beliefs in human dignity and his resolution to relieve suffering in countless ways, including his work with beloved clients, co-creating The Way of the Heart program, and forming the Just One Breath meditation group, and

Whereas, the University community recognized his outstanding and selfless service by posthumously awarding him the Thomas J. Frist Student Service award in 2007, therefore be it

Resolved, that the faculty of the University of Mississippi at its meeting on May 9, 2008 recognizes the many contributions of Billy A. Barrios to the University, its faculty, staff and students, and to the scholarly community at large, and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be entered among the minutes of the faculty and that a copy be forwarded to his family.