

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1432

A resolution recognizing David Williams II upon his retirement as Vice Chancellor and Athletics Director of Vanderbilt University.

WHEREAS, in September 2018, David Williams II announced his retirement as Vice Chancellor for University Affairs and Athletics and Athletics Director of Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Williams served as Vanderbilt's first African American Vice Chancellor, and served as Vice Chancellor and Athletics Director for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Williams oversaw a period of unprecedented success in the Vanderbilt Athletics, including four national championships in bowling, baseball and women's tennis; and

WHEREAS, under David Williams' leadership, the Commodores won more than nineteen league titles and tournaments, and the football team played in five bowl games, breaking a twenty-six year drought in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Williams' demonstrated a deep commitment towards building a successful program where students can thrive on and off the field and flourish academically; and

WHEREAS, David Williams' visionary leadership has helped lead a transformation at Vanderbilt University, both within athletics and across the entire university; and

WHEREAS, after a twenty-seven year career in higher education administration, David Williams II will return to teaching full-time at Vanderbilt Law School, where he will launch the new Sports, Law and Society Program for students; and

WHEREAS, David Williams also plans to stay busy by getting even more involved in Nashville's local community and non-profit work in the city; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognize David Williams II for his many years of dedicated service to the students and faculty of Vanderbilt University and wish him continued success in his teaching endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as recognizing the community and academic service of David Williams II.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to David Williams II.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

Kathleen Murphy
Member of Council