

**EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO MR. ROBERT E. MORR, JR.,
INDIANA HOSPITAL AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2007-8

WHEREAS, the Indiana Hospital and Health Association (IHHA) identified in 2003 that over 2,700 nursing positions were going unfilled in their facilities each quarter and the barriers to increasing the pipeline for training additional nurses in the state's higher education system were numerous, and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Morr, Jr., IHHA Vice President, was identified as their lead person, and he, in turn, recognized that Ivy Tech Community College had the greatest potential for solving nursing and allied health worker shortages engaged the College to reduce barriers and increase workforce training capacity, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morr contributed to the first-ever summit meeting on health care workforce needs between the leadership of his association, the legislature and Ivy Tech Community College, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morr continued to facilitate similar meetings in College regions across Indiana bringing together local health care leaders, legislators and Ivy Tech faculty and staff creating an effective partnership throughout Indiana, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morr became a vocal and persistent spokesperson for health care education in Indiana by both challenging and supporting Ivy Tech Community College's efforts to expand its capacity to train nurses and health care technicians, and he facilitated program approval at the Commission for Higher Education, State Board of Nursing and with accreditation groups, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morr's efforts contributed to over \$3 million in faculty and equipment as well as a substantial increase in the availability of clinical hours at hospitals that increased the capacity of the College from 631 to 1,581 nurses per year and lowered the reported vacancies by over a 1,000 per quarter, and

WHEREAS, the partnerships Mr. Morr facilitated demonstrated the College's abilities and enhanced our successful application for the \$2.3 million US Department of Labor Community Based Job Training Grant for Health care, \$1.7 million in Indiana Workforce Development Grants targeted at health care training and \$3.5 million from the State Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the increase in Ivy Tech Community College's ability to train nurses has resulted in an average annual earnings of \$36,000 for over 1,000 additional Hoosier families and \$36 million to the State's economy, and

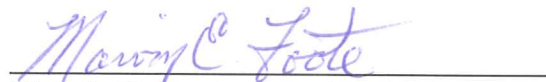
WHEREAS, Mr. Morr, after decades of public service to Indiana and its citizens is retiring;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Trustees of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana recognize Mr. Robert E. Morr, Jr., for his efforts to increase health care workers for his member institutions, raising the expectations of Ivy Tech Community College and helping the College meet those expectations, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the State Trustees wish Mr. Morr the best in retirement, express their deep appreciation to him for his many contributions to Indiana health care and the Indiana workforce, and convey their special thanks for his steadfast friendship with Ivy Tech Community College throughout his tenure at IHHA.

**State Trustees
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana**


William R. Goins, Chairman


Marvin E. Foote, Secretary

Dated April 19, 2007