Resolution in Honor of John Q. Heywood and Lura Graham American University Faculty Senate May 5, 2021

Whereas the COVID 19 pandemic created exceptional professional and personal challenges for the American University community during the 2020-21 academic year;

Whereas the Senate Chair and the Operations Coordinator worked diligently to adapt the work of the Senate to a new online platform while ensuring continued active faculty voice in university governance;

Whereas they responded with grace and timeliness to a constantly changing environment and the need for urgent decisions in the service of the University;

Whereas they led the Senate through their engaged faculty-staff collaboration while displaying poise, empathy, and humor under these extraordinary circumstances;

Therefore the Faculty Senate thanks and commends them for their dedicated service and for leaving the Faculty Senate a more robust, inclusive, and committed forum that is prepared to address future challenges.