

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARIE A. ROBBINS AND GENE A.  
MARSH**

**Whereas**, the quality of The University of Alabama's football program is a source of pride and pleasure for its students, alumni, and staff, and for the citizens of the State of Alabama, and

**Whereas**, recent findings of abuse of NCAA recruiting regulations and the publicity and penalties resulting from the NCAA's investigation of those claims have damaged the reputation of the University and the quality of the football program, and

**Whereas**, any allegation or penalty from the NCAA concerning academic fraud would be of serious concern to the faculty, and

**Whereas**, Compliance Director Marie Robbins's efforts were especially crucial in preventing further damage that could have resulted from the University's being dealt any allegation of, much less any penalty for, academic fraud possibly connected with the recent NCAA investigation, thanks to her quick and sure insight and hard work, and

**Whereas**, addressing the NCAA allegations has been a daunting task protracted over a two-year period, requiring hours of thorough investigation, careful preparation, cooperation with and negotiation with NCAA officials, and lengthy argument before that body, and

**Whereas** the scrupulous, fair, and excellent work of Marie Robbins and Faculty Athletic Representative Gene Marsh in their respective positions has kept the NCAA from being able to bring against the University the serious charges of lack of institutional control and

failure properly to monitor our athletic programs, and has prevented imposition of the most serious NCAA penalty, the "death penalty,"

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama expresses its deep appreciation to Marie Robbins and Gene Marsh for their tireless efforts, keen judgment, and unparalleled dedication to the University in the performance of their duties over the past two years

Adopted by the Senate February 19 2002