



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT DAVID SAMUEL DOCKERY

by the Faculty of the
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

WHEREAS, David Samuel Dockery is a respected scholar and esteemed professor, who has served in Christian higher education for forty years, holds a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Texas System, taught in the disciplines of Systematic Theology, New Testament, and Christian Studies, and led as President of the Evangelical Theological Society; and

WHEREAS, Dockery is an accomplished author, having written, edited, or contributed to some 125 volumes, including *Renewing Minds*, *The Doctrine of the Bible*, *Theologians of the Baptist Tradition*, *Biblical Interpretation Then and Now*, and *Southern Baptist Identity*, in addition to serving as New Testament editor of the 40-volume *New American Commentary*, general editor of Crossway's *Reclaiming the Christian Intellectual Tradition*, co-editor of *Theology for the People of God*, and editor of the *Southwestern Journal of Theology*; and

WHEREAS, Dockery is a capable administrator, who served as Dean of the School of Theology and Senior Vice President for Academic Administration at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, President and President Emeritus of Union University, President and Chancellor of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, as well as Chair of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities and President of the International Alliance for Christian Education, and wrote or edited significant articles and volumes to advance Christian education; and

WHEREAS, Dockery graduated with his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Seminary in 1981, was named Distinguished Alumnus in 2002, and periodically delivered lectures and otherwise blessed our Seminary, then returned in 2019 to serve his beloved alma mater full time through scholarship and subsequently provided stability for the Faculty as Interim Provost; and

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of September in 2022 Dockery answered the call of our Trustees to serve as Interim President and work to renew our Seminary, which then resulted in his election as the tenth President of the Seminary on the 19th day of April in 2023; and

WHEREAS, under Dockery's leadership Southwestern Seminary has begun to experience palpable improvement in the spiritual vitality on campus, in the morale of our faculty, in the goodwill of our Alumni, and in financial gifts by generous Donors, while exercising good stewardship over our financial budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, offer on this day, the 28th of September in 2023, genuine gratitude to our Lord for sending David Samuel Dockery to preside over this Seminary during this past year; and be it furthermore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty of Southwestern Seminary heartily support the spiritual, academic, and administrative leadership of Dockery and his Administration; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Faculty of Southwestern Seminary pledge to make David and Lanese Dockery the object of our persistent prayers for their continued health, welfare, and productivity as they sacrificially serve for the glory of our sovereign triune God.