

Resolution
**State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth
undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System**

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Whereas, when students leave southern Middle Tennessee to attend a college or university they are not likely to return to their communities where their professional skills are desperately needed; and

Whereas, Martin Methodist College has been filling the gap for more than 150 years; and

Whereas, the College is in a relative position of strength while limited in its capacity to serve the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, Martin Methodist College is a private college with a public mission; and

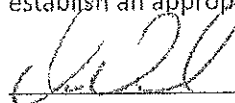
Whereas, the capacity of the University of Tennessee System and the State of Tennessee would be transformative for the College and the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, its citizens are tax paying and deserve the same access to affordable public higher education enjoyed by the remainder of the State; and

Whereas, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the City Commission of Linden request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.



Wess Ward, Mayor
Town of Linden

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R e s o l u t i o n

State of Tennessee Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation (TAEDC) is a division of the City of Tullahoma, which is in Coffee County in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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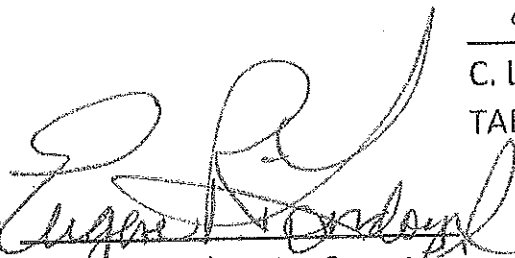
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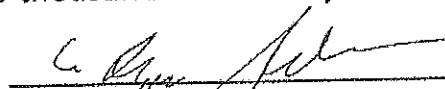
Whereas, the state of Tennessee will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation, a public economic development body of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, requests that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

Adopted this 2nd day of February, Two thousand and twenty-one.

Attest:


Eugene London, Jr., Secretary


C. Lynn Sebourn, Chairman
TAEDC Board of Directors

Resolution 2021-01

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, the Town of Centerville is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, there is no public university between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and

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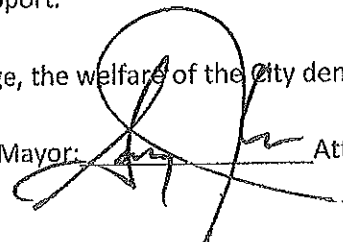
Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Centerville request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

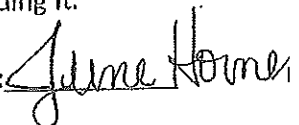
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the City demanding it.

Executed and effective this 12th day of January, 2021.

Mayor:



Attest:



RESOLUTION
STATE ACQUISITION OF MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE ESTABLISHING A FOURTH UNDERGRADUATE
CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SYSTEM

Whereas, the City of Clifton is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Clifton Board of Commissioners request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.


MAYOR

1/25/2021
DATE


CITY RECORDER

Resolution 21-266

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, Marshall County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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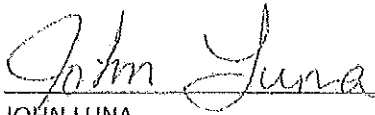
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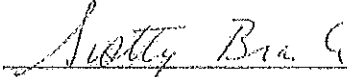
Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Cornersville, Marshall County, request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

This Resolution shall take effect on the 7th day of January, 2021 upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.



JOHN LUNA,
Mayor



SCOTTY BROCK,
Town Recorder

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY AND FORM:



BILLY OSTERMANN,
Town Attorney

Resolution R-2021-04
State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College Establishing a Fourth Undergraduate Campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, the City of Fayetteville is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Fayetteville, Tennessee request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 28th day of January 2021.



Michael T. Whisenant, Mayor

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, the City of Lewisburg is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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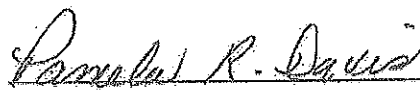
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Therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor and Council for the City of Lewisburg request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

PASSED THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020



Jim Bingham, Mayor



Attest: Pamela R. Davis,
City Recorder

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Resolution 2020-12-14

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

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James Glenn Brown

Mayor

Edna Brewer-Luna

From: Rena Purdy <director@waynecountyecd.com>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Edna Brewer-Luna
Subject: [External Sender] Collinwood's Resolution attached
Attachments: Collinwood's UT MMC Resolution.pdf

And here's Collinwood's resolution...Hope you have a very Merry Christmas!

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Rena Purdy, TCECD
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Wayne County JECDB
(Joint Economic & Community Development Board)
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Waynesboro, TN 38485
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"Where Nature Fuels Business and Innovation"

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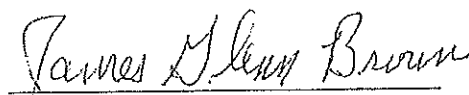
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James Glenn Brown

Mayor

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE ACQUISITION OF MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE ESTABLISHING A FOURTH UNDERGRADUATE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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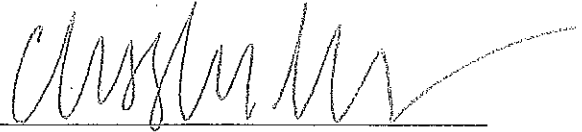
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF COLUMBIA requests that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
TENNESSEE, this the 10th day of December, 2020.



CHARLES (CHAZ) M. MOLDER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



THAD H. JABLONSKI, CITY RECORDER

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:


C. TIM TISHER, CITY ATTORNEY



CHAZ MOLDER
MAYOR

December 15, 2020

Mr. Randy Boyd
The University of Tennessee, President

Mr. Mark La Branche
Martin Methodist College, President

Dear Mr. Presidents Boyd and La Branche:

I am pleased to report that at the regular December 10, 2020 Columbia City Council Meeting, our council considered, and unanimously approved the enclosed Resolution in support of *State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System.*

All of us in Columbia are excited about the opportunities this partnership will create for the entire southern middle Tennessee region which, of course, Columbia serves as a primary hub.

Please keep us informed regarding your progress, and do not hesitate to contact me if and when I can be of any assistance regarding your efforts.

In short, I believe your endeavor may be one of the most important endeavors for our region since Columbia State Community College was founded as the state's first community college in 1966.

Expanding higher education opportunities across this state will reap benefits for generations to come; and the fact that this expansion is in our own backyard will have even greater benefits for our local workforce and economy.

Thank you for your efforts, and for your service to our great state.

With kind, personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chaz Molder", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles (Chaz) M. Molder
chaz.molder@columbiatn.com

This letter was printed on front and back for purposes of minimizing paper usage in consideration of the environment.

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CHAZ.MOLDER@COLUMBIATN.COM

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE, as follows:

The City of Lawrenceburg encourages the State acquisition of Martin Methodist College to establish a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee system.


This Resolution shall take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE THIS 3rd day of December, 2020

CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE,
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION


MAYOR

ATTEST:



Approved as to form:

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CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE,
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION


MAYOR

ATTEST:



Approved as to form:

TENNESSEE SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Pleasant is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

WHEREAS, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mount Pleasant City Commission request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of December, 2020.


WILLIAM T. WHITE, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


LORETTA GARNER, RECORDER

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:


KORI BLEDSOE JONES, ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since 1870, Martin Methodist College, formerly Martin College, has been charged with providing a college education to students of Giles and surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS that educational mission has vastly expanded to include students from around the world in a four-year liberal arts college setting that now includes graduate and professional opportunities; and

WHEREAS, since 1794, the University of Tennessee, our state's land grant institution of higher learning, has maintained a campus at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS the University of Tennessee system has expanded over the years to encompass universities at Martin and Chattanooga, as well as the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis and the University of Tennessee Space Institute at Tullahoma; and

WHEREAS the University of Tennessee has invited Martin Methodist College to join the University of Tennessee system as a University of Tennessee campus; and

WHEREAS the benefits of the joining of these two fine educational institutions are immeasurable to students across middle Tennessee and surrounding regions, and will offer an invaluable cultural, educational, and economic boost to the citizens of the City of Pulaski and to Giles County as a whole,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Mayor and Alderman officially record its strong support for Martin Methodist College's joining the University of Tennessee System and that this Board urges all regulatory and administrative governing bodies to approve this combination for the benefit of students all across Middle Tennessee seeking a University of Tennessee education.

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY

Resolution 3-21

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shelbyville in support of the State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas the City of Shelbyville is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, there is no public university between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and

Whereas, four Alabama public universities reside across the southern border in closer proximity to most citizens in southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, it is reported that 4500 Tennessee students are attending Alabama Universities; and

Whereas, when students leave southern Middle Tennessee to attend a college or university they are not likely to return to their communities where their professional skills are desperately needed; and

Whereas, Martin Methodist College has been filling the gap for more than 150 years; and

Whereas, the College is in a relative position of strength while limited in its capacity to serve the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, Martin Methodist College is a private college with a public mission; and

Whereas, the capacity of the University of Tennessee System and the State of Tennessee would be transformative for the College and the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, its citizens are tax paying and deserve the same access to affordable public higher education enjoyed by the remainder of the State; and

Whereas, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Shelbyville is in full support of the State acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System and request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and that Governor Lee establish an appropriate allocation in support.

Resolved this 14th day of January 2021.

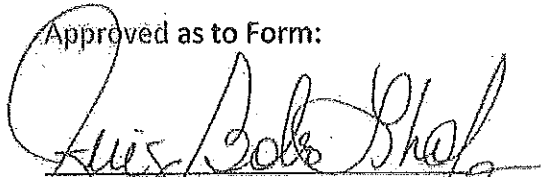
Approved:


Mayor Wallace Cartwright

Attest:


City Recorder Lisa Smith

Approved as to Form:


City Attorney Ginger Bobo Shorner

RESOLUTION 20-205

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW STATE ACQUISITION OF MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE, ESTABLISHING A FOURTH UNDERGRADUATE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Maury County is located in Southern Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, there is no public university between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and

WHEREAS, four Alabama public universities reside across the southern border in closer proximity to most citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, its citizens are tax paying and deserve the same access to affordable public higher education enjoyed by the remainder of the State; and

WHEREAS, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

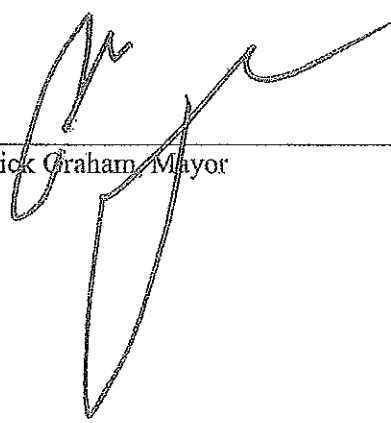
Passed and adopted this 21st day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

April Goad, City Recorder

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

Patrick Carter, City Attorney



Rick Graham, Mayor

cc: Senator Joey Hensley (via US Mail)
Representative Michael Curcio (via US Mail)
Representative Scott Cepicky (via US Mail)
Mr. Waymon Hickman (via US Mail)
Ms. Darlene Baxter (via US Mail)
Mrs. Carey Whitworth (via email only: Carey.Whitworth@tennessee.edu)

Resolution

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, Waynesboro Tennessee is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, there is no public university between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and

Whereas, four Alabama public universities reside across the southern border in closer proximity to most citizens in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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Whereas, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the City Commission of The City of Waynesboro request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the seal of the City of Waynesboro, Tennessee to be affixed this 14 day of December 2020.



Christopher Lee Bevis
Chris Bevis, Waynesboro Mayor

Resolution #891

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, the City of Winchester is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, there is no public university between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and

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Whereas, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor and City Council of Winchester, Tennessee request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

Resolved this 12th day of January in the year of 2021.


Terry Harrell, Mayor

Attest:


Beth Rhoton, City Administrator



BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolution No. 21-17

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, Bedford County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, there is no public university between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and

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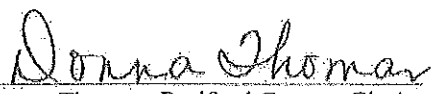
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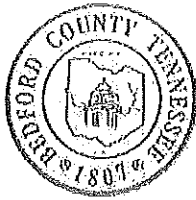
Therefore, be it resolved that the County Commission of Bedford County request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

APPROVED this 9th of February, 2021


Chad D. Graham, Bedford County Mayor

ATTEST;


Donna Thomas, Bedford County Clerk



BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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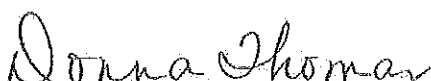
Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the County Commission of Bedford County request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

APPROVED this 9th of February, 2021


Chad D. Graham, Bedford County Mayor

ATTEST:


Donna Thomas, Bedford County Clerk

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR STATE OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT THE
STATE ACQUISITION OF MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE ESTABLISHING
A FOURTH UNDERGRADUATE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Giles County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

WHEREAS, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Governing Body of Giles County, Tennessee as follows:

appropriate allocation.

SECTION TWO: That all orders and resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

This Resolution adopted this 21st day of December, 2020.

Melvin Green

County Executive

ATTEST:

Carol H Wade

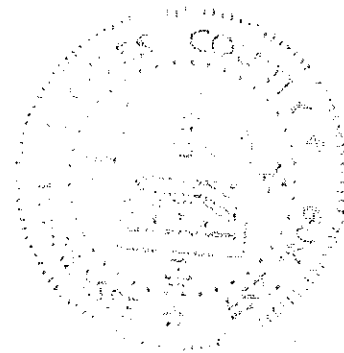
County Clerk

Stoney Jackson

Stoney Jackson, Sponsor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TENNESSEE, GILES COUNTY
I, Carol H. Wade, Clerk of the County Court, of said County, declare
that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the original
Resolution 2020-58
now on file and of record in my office, WITNESS my hand and official
seal of office in Pulaski, Tennessee, this 21st day of December 2020.

Carol H Wade



**RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR STATE OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT THE
STATE ACQUISITION OF MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE ESTABLISHING
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TENNESSEE SYSTEM**

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County Executive

ATTEST:

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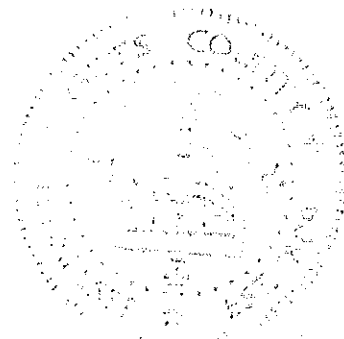
County Clerk

Stoney Jackson

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seal of office in Pulaski, Tennessee, this 21st day of December 2020.

Carol H Wade



Resolution 21-01

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, Hickman County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, there is no public university between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and

Whereas, four Alabama public universities reside across the southern border in closer proximity to most citizens in southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, it is reported that 4500 Tennessee students are attending Alabama Universities; and

Whereas, when students leave southern Middle Tennessee to attend a college or university they are not likely to return to their communities where their professional skills are desperately needed; and

Whereas, Martin Methodist College has been filling the gap for more than 150 years; and

Whereas, the College is in a relative position of strength while limited in its capacity to serve the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, Martin Methodist College is a private college with a public mission; and

Whereas, the capacity of the University of Tennessee System and the State of Tennessee would be transformative for the College and the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, its citizens are tax paying and deserve the same access to affordable public higher education enjoyed by the remainder of the State; and

Whereas, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the County Commission of Hickman County request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

SPONSORS:

John W. Deal
John Deal District 4 Commissioner

Matthew Barnhill
Matthew Barnhill 3 District Commissioner

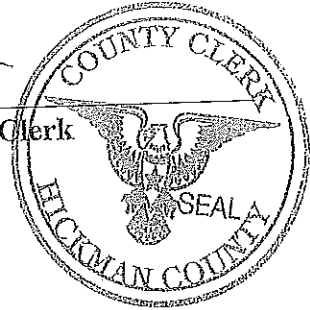
BOARD ACTION: 18 Aye 0 Nay 0 Pass 3 Absent

ADOPTED:

Mark A. Bentley
Mark Bentley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Casey Dorton
Casey Dorton, County Clerk



APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:

Mark A. Bentley
Mark Bentley, County Mayor

DATE: 1/26/21

RESOLUTION NO. 2021012609

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE
THE ACQUISITION OF MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE BY THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE SYSTEM ESTABLISHING A FOURTH UNDERGRADUATE
CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Lawrence County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, there is no public four year university between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and,

WHEREAS, four Alabama public universities reside across the southern border in closer proximity to most citizens in southern Middle Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, it is reported that 4,500 Tennessee students are attending Alabama Universities; and,

WHEREAS, when students leave southern Middle Tennessee to attend a college or university they are less likely to return to their communities where their professional skills are desperately needed; and,

WHEREAS, Martin Methodist College has been filling the gap for more than 150 years; and,

WHEREAS, Martin Methodist College is in a relative position of strength while limited in its capacity to serve the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, Martin Methodist College is a private college with a public mission; and,

WHEREAS, the merger of the University of Tennessee System and Martin Methodist College thus adding the capacity of the University of Tennessee System and the State of Tennessee would be transformative for Martin Methodist College and the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee especially including the citizens of Lawrence County; and,

WHEREAS, its tax paying citizens deserve the same access to affordable public higher education enjoyed by the remainder of the State; and,

WHEREAS, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of County Commissioners meeting in special session this 26th day of January, 2021 hereby requests the General Assembly to approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the University of Tennessee system and to establish an appropriate allocation in support.

T. R. Williams

LAWRENCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



December 3, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

As County Executive of Lawrence County, I respectfully urge the Tennessee General Assembly to approve legislation allowing the merger of Martin Methodist College and the University of Tennessee System.

The establishment of a fourth undergraduate campus of UT in neighboring Giles County would provide untold benefits to Lawrence County and the entire southern Middle Tennessee region.

Tennessee public universities nearest to this area are in Murfreesboro to the north; Chattanooga to the east; and Memphis to the west. There are four Alabama public universities that are much closer, therefore students from Lawrence County are among the estimated 4,500 Tennesseans attending those universities. Unfortunately, those students are not likely to return to their home communities where their professional skills are desperately needed.

Martin Methodist College is a private institution with a limited capacity to serve this region. Its acquisition by the UT system would bring transformative benefits to our rural counties.

It is my hope that the General Assembly will act in order to provide these much-needed opportunities to Lawrence County and its neighbors.

Sincerely,

T.R. Williams
Lawrence County Executive

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, County Clerk is directed to mail certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the people of Lawrence County.

This Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it.

Adopted this 26th day of January, 2021.



T.R. WILLIAMS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CHAIR

ATTEST:



CHUCK KIZER, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: T.R. WILLIAMS

Lewis County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION

No. 01-19-21

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW THE ACQUISITION OF MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, Lewis County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, it is reported that 4500 Tennessee students are attending Alabama Universities; and

WHEREAS, when students leave southern Middle Tennessee to attend a college or university, they are not likely to return to their communities where their professional skills are really needed; and

WHEREAS, Martin Methodist College has been filling the gap for more than 150 years; and

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WHEREAS, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

WHEREAS, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the legislative body of Lewis County meeting in regular session this 25th day of January, 2021 that we hereby request the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the University of Tennessee and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

We, the undersigned County Commissioners, move the adoption of the above resolution.

Commissioner Patrick Offenberg moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Wardell Kelly seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor _____

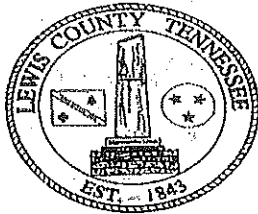
Voting Against _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Jon Keltner
Jonah Keltner, County Mayor

Sandra Clayton
Sandra Clayton, County Clerk



Lewis County Government

Jonah Keltner, Lewis County Mayor

110 North Park Avenue, Room 107 - Hohenwald, Tennessee 38462

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WHEREAS, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lewis County Board of Commissioners and County Mayor hereby request the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

Jerry Ashmore
Commissioner Jerry Ashmore

Larry F. Pigg
Commissioner Larry Pigg

Robert Brewer
Commissioner Robert Brewer

Brian Peery
Commissioner Brian Peery

Larry Hensley
Commissioner Larry Hensley

Timmie Hinson
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Wendell Kelley
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Kyle Bobo
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Patrick Halfacre
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Austin Carroll
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Jim Grinder
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Aren Ragsdale
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Allison Tanner
Commissioner Allison Tanner

T.J. Hinson
Commissioner T.J. Hinson

Doug Jobbitt
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Bill Dyer
Commissioner Bill Dyer

Jason Fite
Commissioner Jason Fite

Ronnie Brewer
Commissioner Ronnie Brewer

Jonah Keltner
County Mayor Jonah Keltner

Resolution
**State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth
undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System**

Whereas, Lincoln County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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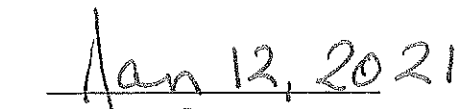
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Whereas, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the County Commission of Lincoln County request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.


William R. Newman, Lincoln County Mayor


Date

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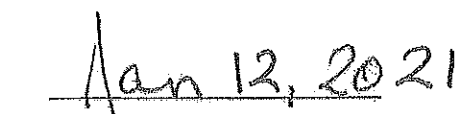
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Whereas, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the County Commission of Lincoln County request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.


William R. Newman, Lincoln County Mayor


Date

Resolution 21-01-04

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, Marshall County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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Whereas, when students leave southern Middle Tennessee to attend a college or university they are not likely to return to their communities where their professional skills are desperately needed; and

Whereas, Martin Methodist College has been filling the gap for more than 150 years; and

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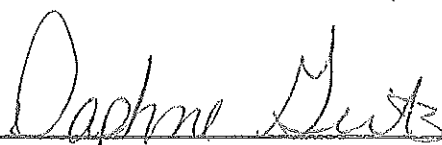
Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the County Commission of Marshall County request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.


Approved this 5th day of January 2021.



Mike Keny, County Mayor



Daphne Girts, County Clerk

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THE FOREGOING AS AN EXACT COPY AS
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THIS 8 DAY OF January 2021

DAPHNE GIRTS, CLERK

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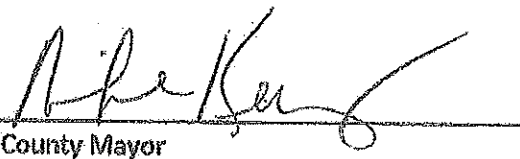
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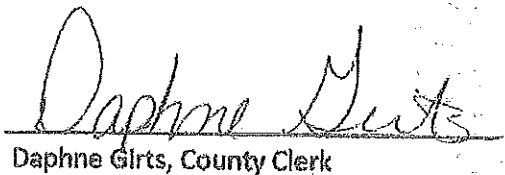
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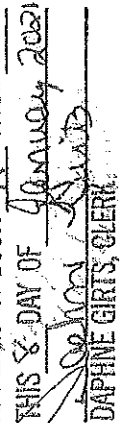
Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the County Commission of Marshall County request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

Approved this 5th day of January 2021.


Mike Keny, County Mayor


Daphne Girts, County Clerk

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DAPHNE GIRTS, CLERK

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE ACQUISITION OF MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE ESTABLISHING A FOURTH UNDERGRADUATE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Maury County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, there is no public university between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and

WHEREAS, four Alabama public universities reside across the southern border in closer proximity to most citizens in southern Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is reported that 4500 Tennessee students are attending Alabama Universities; and

WHEREAS, when students leave southern Middle Tennessee to attend a college or university they are not likely to return to their communities where their professional skills are desperately needed; and

WHEREAS, Martin Methodist College has been filling the gap for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the College is in a relative position of strength while limited in its capacity to serve the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Martin Methodist College is a private college with a public mission; and

WHEREAS, the capacity of the University of Tennessee System and the State of Tennessee would be transformative for the College and the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and


WHEREAS, its citizens are tax paying and deserve the same access to affordable public higher education enjoyed by the remainder of the State; and

WHEREAS, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

WHEREAS, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commission of Maury County request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

This the 19th day of January 2021.



WILLIAM ANDREW OGLES, IV
County Mayor

RESOLUTION

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a Fourth Undergraduate Campus of the University of Tennessee System

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Lynchburg, Moore County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, there is no public university between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and

WHEREAS, four Alabama public universities reside across the southern border in closer proximity to most citizens in southern Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is reported that 4500 Tennessee students are attending Alabama Universities; and

WHEREAS, when students leave southern Middle Tennessee to attend a college or university they are not likely to return to their communities where their professional skills are desperately needed; and

WHEREAS, Martin Methodist College has been filling the gap for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the College is in a relative position of strength while limited in its capacity to serve the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and Martin Methodist College is a private college with a public mission; and

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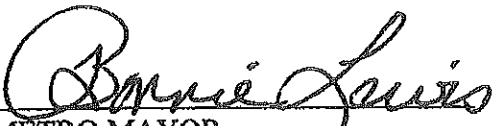
WHEREAS, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

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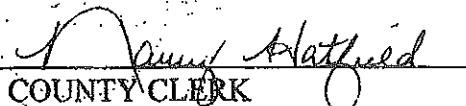
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this legislative body, the Metro Council of Metropolitan Lynchburg / Moore County, in session, assembled in Lynchburg, Tennessee:

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021

SIGNED:


METRO MAYOR

ATTEST:


COUNTY CLERK

Therefore, be it resolved that the Metro Council of Metropolitan Lynchburg, Moore County request that the Tennessee General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

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**State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth
undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System**

Whereas, Perry County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, there is a need for more universities between Memphis to the west, Chattanooga to the east, and Murfreesboro to the north; and

Whereas, four Alabama public universities reside across the southern border in closer proximity to most citizens in southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, it is reported that 4500 Tennessee students are attending Alabama Universities; and

Whereas, when students leave southern Middle Tennessee to attend a college or university they are not likely to return to their communities where their professional skills are desperately needed; and

Whereas, Martin Methodist College has been filling the gap for more than 150 years; and

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Whereas, Martin Methodist College is a private college with a public mission; and

Whereas, the capacity of the University of Tennessee System and the State of Tennessee would be transformative for the College and the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, its citizens are tax paying and deserve the same access to affordable public higher education enjoyed by the remainder of the State; and

Whereas, accessible and affordable higher education is critical to the development of our economy and particularly in the rural areas of our State; and

Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the County Commission of Perry County request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

Adopted this 25th day of January 2021, by a vote of 12 ayes to 0 nos.

APPROVED:



John H. Carroll,
Perry County Mayor

ATTEST:



Glenda Leegan,
Perry County Clerk

Resolution # WC-2020-01-19

State Acquisition of Martin Methodist College establishing a fourth undergraduate campus of the University of Tennessee System

Whereas, Wayne County is located in southern Middle Tennessee; and

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Whereas, the state will receive the assets of Martin Methodist College at no cost.

Therefore, be it resolved that the County Commission of Wayne County request that the General Assembly approve legislation to allow for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the UT System and establish an appropriate allocation in support.

Jim Mangubat
Jim Mangubat, Wayne County Executive

1-20-2021
Date

Stan Horton
Stan Horton, Wayne County Clerk

1-20-2021
Date

