RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul E. Stanton, Jr. has exhibited excellence in leadership and a genuine concern for all faculty, staff, and students since assuming the presidency of East Tennessee State University in January 1997, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stanton has consistently inspired “ETSU Pride” among the staff of this university, encouraging them to aspire to the same levels of enthusiasm for and dedication to this learning community as he demonstrates, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stanton has been named to Tennessee Business’s list of the 100 most powerful people in the state, noting that he is largely responsible for the seamless relationship between ETSU, Johnson City, and the entire local region, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stanton had originally expected to retire from the presidency sometime in 2008, having nurtured the university’s continued growth in both enrollment and academic programs and its progress toward becoming the best regional university in the country; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Staff Senate of ETSU proudly salutes Dr. Stanton for his marvelous leadership during his tenure as president of ETSU, and

2. That the Staff Senate of ETSU, on behalf of all ETSU staff, encourages Dr. Stanton to continue serving at the helm as Captain of the S.S. ETSU and Chief Engineer of the ETSU Express (to borrow references to both the Buccaneer mascot and the university’s railroad heritage) for the foreseeable future.

Co-sponsored by Senators Tim Dills and Kathy Smith