Joint Resolution for
Lawrence Technological University 2011 Homecoming Day

WHEREAS, Lawrence Technological University was founded in 1932 as a college of engineering with only a few hundred students and a handful of faculty. Today, it offers over 60 programs in four colleges, with a total enrollment of nearly 5,000 students and over 400 full- and part-time faculty; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Tech has experienced enormous growth, expansion and improvement of its curriculum and facilities over the years – originally acquiring acreage in Southfield in 1955 that has now grown to encompass more than 100 acres and 12 major buildings; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Technological University is reviving the tradition of Homecoming Day with a full slate of activities on Saturday, October 1, including a men’s varsity soccer game against the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a men’s varsity hockey game against Grand Valley State University; and

WHEREAS, Earlier this year Lawrence Tech joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and this is the first season for varsity teams in men’s soccer, women’s volleyball and men’s bowling. The university plans to field 10 varsity teams in the 2012-13 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Homecoming Week begins Monday, September 26, and culminates with Homecoming Day when alumni and the families of students are invited to visit the campus and attend activities. This is the first Homecoming at Lawrence Tech since the 1990s, although alumni have been invited to numerous other events on campus in the intervening years; and

WHEREAS, Some of the many highlights of the Homecoming Day festivities include a disc golf tournament, homecoming tailgate party, Cruiseliner auto show, alumni soccer game, dedication of the renovated life sciences research labs, Sports Hall of Fame inaugural induction ceremony, varsity soccer game, quidditch tournament finals during halftime of the soccer game, nationally-known musicians, and a varsity hockey game at the Southfield Civic Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Council of the City of Southfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby recognize and congratulate Lawrence Technological University as they celebrate their renewed Homecoming Week beginning on Monday, September 26 that will culminate in the Homecoming Day celebration on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and City Council, convey our collective thanks and appreciation to the faculty, students, staff and alumni as Lawrence Tech continues to excel as one of the nation’s leading technological universities.

Dated this 26th day of September 2011.

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