

## Senate Resolution 351

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 44th, Orrock of the 36th, Esteves of the 35th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Charles F. McClelland on his outstanding service; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles F. McClelland has served as the Commissioner of the Southwestern  
4 Athletic Conference (SWAC) since 2018, providing visionary leadership to a conference that  
5 now includes 12 member institutions across six states competing at the NCAA Division I  
6 level; and

7 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the SWAC has grown through the additions of Florida  
8 A&M and Bethune-Cookman as well as through the purchase of a permanent office space  
9 to serve as its headquarters; and

10 WHEREAS, prior to his tenure with the SWAC, he served as Vice President of  
11 Intercollegiate Athletics at Texas Southern University, where he oversaw significant  
12 improvements in athletic facilities, academic progress rates, and student-athlete graduation  
13 rates as well as secured television broadcasting deals and a multi-million-dollar apparel  
14 partnership with Under Armour; and

15 WHEREAS, he previously served as Athletics Director at Prairie View A&M University,  
16 where he led the program to 18 championships and played a pivotal role in revitalizing the  
17 football program, culminating in the team's first winning season in over 30 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. McClelland's contributions to collegiate athletics have earned him national  
19 recognition, including the AstroTurf Athletics Director of the Year Award in 2007—the first  
20 SWAC Athletic Director to receive this prestigious honor; and

21 WHEREAS, his service extends beyond athletics through his involvement with the Prairie  
22 View A&M University National Alumni Association, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., the  
23 Rotary Club of Birmingham, and numerous NCAA leadership committees; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
25 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 recognize and commend Dr. Charles F. McClelland for his exceptional leadership and his  
28 many exemplary contributions to collegiate athletics as well as extend the most sincere best  
29 wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Charles F.  
32 McClelland.