

Presidential Proclamation

Whereas, Charles J. Wodehouse, Jr. of Long Branch, New Jersey, was born on December 9, 1947, the son of Marjorie and Charles J. O. Wodehouse, retired executive, revered civic leader, World War II veteran, and committed community philanthropist; and

Whereas, from that legacy of giving, Charles J. “Chuck” Wodehouse, Jr. has likewise demonstrated extraordinary vision, generosity and leadership to the tremendous benefit of his fellow man; and

Whereas, Mr. Wodehouse has been an active volunteer at Jacksonville University (JU) across many areas of the campus for the past 20 years, and both he and his wife, Cami, continue to support the University through their action and investment; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Wodehouse were instrumental in creating the ASPIRE scholarship program and in developing meaningful and multiple ways for donors to engage with the University; and

Whereas, a lead donor for the R/V Larkin, JU Marine Science Research Institute’s floating classroom, Mr. Wodehouse played an integral role in providing applied learning opportunities for students, and this is a demonstration of the many ways JU has been made better thorough his giving spirit and intentionality; and

Whereas, Mr. Wodehouse was the visionary behind the historic Master in Public Policy Minority Fellowship Program providing two full-tuition scholarships, internships with the City of Jacksonville, industry networking and mentoring opportunities, and assistance in job search and career preparation for fellowship students; and

Whereas, the Wodehouse name has become synonymous with student-centered progress and improvements across the JU campus, through total gifts exceeding one million dollars, and which positively impact a wide range of areas, including scholarships, classroom technology, community outreach, faculty development, athletics, fine arts, public policy, and much more; and

Whereas, the influence and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Wodehouse spreads far and wide, to include the Lighthouse Lacrosse Foundation,