

A Joint Resolution  
by  
The Board of Trustees  
Stetson University  
and  
The Board of Overseers  
Stetson University College of Law

In Honor of

**W. Gary Vause**

**W**hereas, W. Gary Vause has devoted almost three decades of extraordinary service to Stetson University and Stetson University College of Law;

**W**hereas, he is a Florida native, having been born in Tallahassee in 1942;

**W**hereas, he earned B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Connecticut, LL.M. and S.J.D. degrees from the University of Virginia, and a certificate in Mandarin Chinese from Yale University;

**W**hereas, he served his country as a Chinese linguist in the U.S. military;

**W**hereas, he had a successful career practicing business and labor-management law in Hartford, Connecticut, during which time he also served as General Counsel for the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education;

**W**hereas, he joined the Stetson University College of Law faculty as Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor of Law in 1975;

**W**hereas, he became a renowned legal scholar who has authored many books and articles, was elected as a member of the American Law Institute, and served as a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in China;

**W**hereas, he rendered great service to the National Academy of Arbitrators, the American Arbitration Association, the State of Florida, and The Florida Bar's Section on Labor and Employment Law, among other organizations;

**W**hereas, he served Stetson with distinction as a Professor of Law, Assistant Dean, Associate Dean, and Associate Dean for International Programs, establishing the Center for Excellence in Dispute Resolution, Stetson's LL.M. program in International Law and Business, Stetson's Scandinavian/Baltic Institute on Emerging Markets, and Stetson's Summer Program on International Dispute Resolution in Granada, Spain;

**W**hereas, he was selected to serve as University Vice President and Dean in 1999 and has fulfilled his position with great distinction enhancing the College of Law academic program, international programs and partnerships, financial position, community and government relations, and fund-raising program, and by establishing the College of Law's part-time program and its new Law Center and Campus in Tampa, Florida;

**W**hereas, the Stetson University community wishes to share with Vice President and Dean Gary Vause and Celia Vause the thoughts and feelings occasioned by the outstanding service that they have provided to Stetson;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** by the Board of Trustees of Stetson University and the Board of Overseers of Stetson University College of Law that this resolution be adopted to honor W. Gary Vause for his selfless devotion to the affairs of Stetson University and the College of Law, his attainment of the highest standards of excellence in the legal profession and within the field of higher education, and to express our appreciation for having been privileged to work with this outstanding individual and his wife.

**Stetson University**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. H. Douglas Lee

**Board of Trustees**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph W. Landers, Jr., Chair

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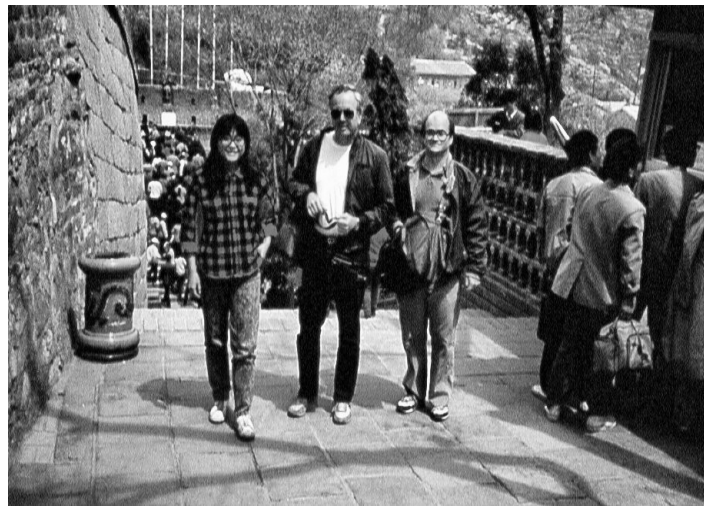
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Board of Overseers

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. Thomas E. Stringer, Sr., Chair

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This resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Overseers on April 23, 2003 and by the Board of Trustees on May 2, 2003.



Dean W. Gary Vause, Professor John Cooper, and one of their Chinese students walking on the Great Wall of China