

RESOLUTION 25-22
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
HONORING MR. JIM READ ON HIS RETIREMENT

Whereas, Jim Read could not escape the fate of literature champion and library supporter due to having the last name "Read"; and

Whereas, Mr. Read ran a tight ship while he was chair of the Language Arts (now English) department and has been a supportive fellow faculty member, willing to go above and beyond to help others, including emceeding department events; and

Whereas, Jim maintained a positive outlook and love of teaching through many years and duties, and changed the odds for many students while dutifully serving on the Scholarship Committee; and

Whereas, Jim Read provided calm in a storm and no odyssey or tempest could unlay his keel; and

Whereas, Mr. Read made his interest in literature come to life by taking the best sabbaticals; and

Whereas, Jim Read has been a fearless, tech-savvy innovator who reached students where they are, so they could appreciate James Joyce and Shakespeare and is the last known AHC faculty to speak Middle English on demand; and

Whereas, Jim can retire with a very high faculty rating on "Rate My Professor" website and now has time to continue his love of exploring other countries and cultures, and his friends can play "Where in the World is Jim Read?" more often; and

Whereas, Jim will now have plenty of time to savor his morning cup of Good Earth tea while completing the *New York Times* crossword puzzle in record time and continue to wow at Words With Friends as Zeppo888; and

Whereas, Jim Read, in a few choice words, can settle a divisive dispute with his calm voice of logic and reason, which he uses to share his wisdom and experience, because Jim is a beloved and consistently respected professor in the English department; and

Whereas, Jim is a fashion icon, donning a couture Vietnamese flamingo jacket; and

Whereas, Mr. Read is a wonderful mentor, excellent team-teaching partner, a dear friend, and an edgy social media influencer; and

Whereas, we will miss Jim's great enthusiasm for literature, art and travel, his easy-going manner, his sense of humor, but mostly we will miss him wearing his Fez on Thursdays with Bob upstairs in the ARC;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees, along with the entire college community, thanks Jim Read for his exceptional service, congratulates him upon his retirement from Allan Hancock College, and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2025

President, Board of Trustees

Superintendent/President