

APPENDIX C

RESOLUTION

Commending Carolyn Coggin Holmes, Executive Director of Ash Lawn-Highland Upon Her Retirement

October 17, 2012

WHEREAS, Carolyn Coggin Holmes, a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, received her undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University and her graduate degree from Duke University, after which she began a career as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the College of William and Mary was bequeathed the historic Albemarle County farm of James Monroe originally known as Highland and later called Ash Lawn, by philanthropist Jay Winston Johns; and

WHEREAS, in that same year, Mrs. Holmes signed a 15-month contract with the College of William and Mary to participate in restoration of Ash Lawn-Highland; and

WHEREAS, over the next 37 years, as Executive Director Mrs. Holmes oversaw restoration of the Ash Lawn-Highland farmhouse, reconstruction of outbuildings, and establishment of a working farm on the 535-acre site; and

WHEREAS, during Mrs. Holmes' tenure, Ash Lawn-Highland served approximately 60,000 visitors annually and hosts a variety of interpretive and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holmes was a friend and colleague of the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library who sought close ties between the Museum and Ash Lawn-Highland; and

WHEREAS, in November 2011 Mrs. Holmes announced her retirement as Executive Director of Ash Lawn-Highland effective June 30, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, with the concurrence of the Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington, that **Carolyn Coggin Holmes** is hereby commended and thanked for her dedicated service as the founding Executive Director of Ash Lawn-Highland, through which she has done much to preserve and interpret the legacy of James Monroe.