

RESOLUTION 2002 - 191

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A JOINT DISTRICT BOARD AND SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BUILDING OF A JOINT USE TECHNICAL CENTER AT THE FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF JACKSONVILLE'S BETTY P. COOK CENTER IN YULEE, FLORIDA, AND REQUESTING STATE FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the District Board of Trustees of the Florida Community College at Jacksonville ("District Board") and the School Board of Nassau County ("School Board") desire to cooperate in establishing a common educational facility at a convenient location to meet a common need - the need of high school pre-employment students and adult incumbent workers for high quality technical and career education; and

WHEREAS, the development of business enterprises in Nassau County is particularly strong and expected to remain so for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, currently Nassau County residents need to leave the County and travel to other counties for employment opportunities and to attend technical training; and

WHEREAS, a vibrant and emerging county, such as Nassau County, needs the ability to provide for the necessary workforce; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2002, the District Board approved and on October 10, 2002, the School Board approved a joint resolution in support of the establishment of a Nassau technical center and requesting State funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, the District Board and the School Board could not do the project by themselves without State funding and, therefore, the project would be delayed indefinitely; and

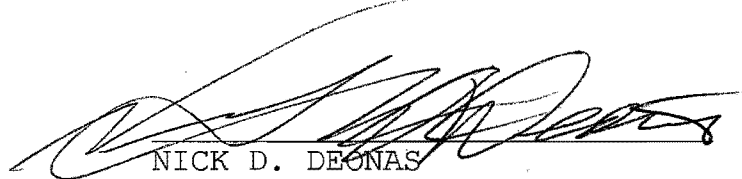
WHEREAS, the center's concept has received support from Florida Senate President-Elect Jim King, Florida State Senator Steve Wise, Florida State Representative Aaron Bean, Florida Secretary of Education Jim Horne, and Florida Governor Jeb Bush.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 18th day of November, 2002, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously supports the resolution passed by the District Board and the School Board in October, 2002, in support of the building of a cooperatively established, joint use, 45,000 square foot technical center to be named the "Nassau County Technical Career Center" located at the Florida Community College of Jacksonville's Betty P. Cook Center in Yulee, Florida, and requesting State funding as a way to promote the County's


economic growth, meet the needs of our laid off residents,
and to give a seamless transition from high school to
college.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



NICK D. DEONAS
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



MICHAEL S. MULLIN

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