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**Memorandum**

**TO:** All Members of the House of Representatives

**FROM:** Representative Cherelle Parker  
200<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

Rep. John Lawrence  
13<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

**DATE:** January 31, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Co-sponsorship of Resolution - Recognizing and honoring Dr. Robert R. Jennings as the Thirteenth President of Lincoln University

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In the near future, we plan to introduce a resolution recognizing and honoring Dr. Robert R. Jennings as the thirteenth President of Lincoln University and his long standing commitment to higher education. It is our sincere hope you will join the both of us in this effort.

Lincoln University is a nationally recognized institution of higher education located in Chester County that provides a liberal arts and sciences-based undergraduate curriculum as well as selected graduate programs to meet the needs of students living in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Since its founding in 1854, Lincoln University has educated an impressive list of alumni who have distinguished themselves as doctors, lawyers, educators, businesspersons, theologians, and heads of state, including Thurgood Marshall and Langston Hughes. In keeping with this impressive tradition, last November, the Lincoln University Board of Trustees selected Dr. Robert R. Jennings as the thirteenth President of the school, succeeding the tenure of Dr. Ivory V. Nelson.

On January 2, 2012, Dr. Jennings officially began his tenure as President of Lincoln University –bringing his expertise in critical leadership initiatives, such as increasing enrollment and overseeing the development of academic review, to the university. Prior to his arrival at Lincoln, Dr. Jennings served as the tenth President of Alabama A&M University as well as serving in various executive-level positions at Wake Forest University, North Carolina A&T State University, Albany State University, Norfolk State University and Atlanta University. In addition to his work in higher education, Dr. Jennings has held a number of governmental positions, including evaluator for the United States Department of Education, consultant to the United States Customs and Border Patrol Services, Lead Trainer for the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, as well as a position within the United States Environmental Protection Agency under President Ronald Reagan.

Dr. Jennings has been the recipient of more than thirty citations and awards, has been mentioned in several national publications, and was selected as a regional finalist for a White House Fellowship. It is truly fitting that the House of Representatives honors and congratulates Dr. Robert R. Jennings on his selection as Lincoln University President. If you would like to co-sponsor this important resolution, please contact Germaine Brown in Rep. Parker's Harrisburg office at 717-783-2178 or [gbrown@pahouse.net](mailto:gbrown@pahouse.net).