

*The Board of Visitors  
of  
Christopher Newport University  
April 21, 2006*

## **Resolution**

Whereas, Robert John Durel, Professor of Sociology, has rendered to Christopher Newport University thirty-five years of valued and selfless service, from August 1971 through his retirement on May 13, 2006; and

Whereas, In this time, and with quiet, consistent, and caring attention to the well-being of his students, Professor Durel has not only taught a wide variety of courses in his discipline but has also given freely of himself in service to the University community, having served at one time or another on virtually every standing committee of the University as well as the Faculty Senate, and having served from 1983 to 1989 as the first dean of the School of Social Science and Professional Studies – for which he fashioned, articulated, and nurtured a strong and productive sense of academic mission and identity; and

Whereas, Throughout his years at Christopher Newport University, Professor Durel's capacity for inspired teaching, creative scholarship, and effective service has been recognized throughout the Commonwealth and, indeed, the world, having led him to serve in such distinguished capacities as editor of the Virginia Social Science Journal, as president of the Virginia Social Science Association, and as a Fulbright lecturer in Nigeria; and

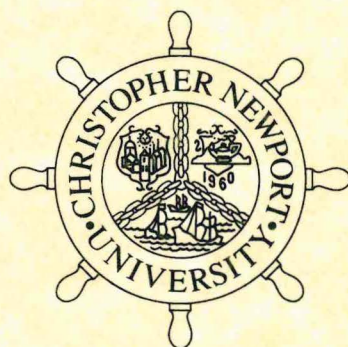
Whereas, Professor Durel is recognized by his colleagues as representing the finest characteristics of the academic profession; and

Whereas, In light of such service and accomplishments, his decision to retire from the Faculty of Christopher Newport University has caused the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Faculty Senate, and the Provost of the University to recommend that his long professional association with Christopher Newport University be continued beyond the date of his retirement; therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University hereby confers the title of Professor *Emeritus* upon

**Robert John Durel, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.**

with all the rights, honors, and privileges attendant to such status.



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William P. Heath, Jr.  
*Rector of the Board of Visitors*

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Paul S. Tribble, Jr.  
*President of the University*