WHEREAS June 30, 2010 marks the retirement of Joanne V. Creighton as President of the College;

AND WHEREAS, President Creighton has brought Mount Holyoke College to a position of strength surpassing any period in our 173-year history, with

- renewed investment in the academic program, marked by a curriculum both strongly disciplinary and creatively interdisciplinary, and an extraordinary faculty over half of whom were hired on her watch,
- a surge of more than 50 percent in applications for admission,
- breathtakingly successful fundraising that has brought the College nearly half a billion dollars from trustees, faculty, staff, parents, friends, and four-fifths of Mount Holyoke’s 33,000 independent-minded and devoted alumnae,
- three Centers each at the junction of academic inquiry and purposeful engagement in the world: the Weissman Center for Leadership in the Liberal Arts, the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives, and the Miller Worley Center for the Environment;
- an ambitious yet restrained building campaign, with significant additions to Art, Athletics, Dance, and Music, major renovations to Shattuck, Blanchard, and Newhall, and the soaring new Kendade Science Center and the New Residence Hall;

AND WHEREAS this most planful of presidents has led the College in two widely consultative and highly effective planning efforts that provide a model in higher education for how to link strategic thinking, robust fundraising, new initiatives, and endowment growth;

AND WHEREAS she has led Mount Holyoke to its place as the most international of any leading liberal arts college in the country, at the same time retaining its leadership in enrolling students from low-income backgrounds and first-generation college students;

AND WHEREAS she has advocated on behalf of women’s education nationally and internationally, and kept our focus on the education of the whole student, all the while maintaining a vibrant scholarly life with publications on Faulkner, Drabble, and especially Joyce Carol Oates;

AND WHEREAS Joanne “what-does-the-V.-stand-for” Creighton has joined gamefully and giddily in four faculty shows, including a star turn in 2010 as the best president in the College’s history who is not named Mary;

AND WHEREAS she has more than fulfilled all requirements set by her faculty to graduate with the distinguished Class of 2010, having fulfilled her Physical Education requirement on endless circumnavigations of campus with Tom and Maisie;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that this Board of Trustees of Mount Holyoke College does hereby acknowledge its profound gratitude to Joanne V. Creighton for her extraordinary contributions to the College and its community, and does hereby express our admiration and affection in perpetuity by naming the new residence hall Joanne V. Creighton Hall.