RESOLUTION
HONORING
DR. HILTON C. BULEY

February 6, 1987

WHEREAS, Dr. Hilton C. Buley guided Southern Connecticut State University from 1954 to 1971, through its period of dynamic academic growth and largest physical plant development, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buley built Southern from a small teachers college of 1,000 students and 50 faculty members to a multi-purpose institution offering new liberal arts and professional studies programs for a student body of 11,000 taught by a faculty of more than 500, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buley brought national attention to Southern for its preparation of special education teachers, a program for which he obtained federal funding for its expansion in the 1950’s, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buley was recognized as an innovator for leading Southern in developing multimedia instruction, a system which employs a variety of audio-visual devices controlled by an instructor to illustrate classroom lectures, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buley attained national recognition for his leadership by serving as president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buley represented Southern as an active leader in the community, serving on the Board of Directors of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce and the Quinnipiac Boys Scouts Council, and as a member of the Urban Alliance and as an officer of the New Haven Rotary, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University today honors the memory of Hilton C. Buley for his unstinting dedication to Southern Connecticut State University and his countless contributions to state and national public education, and extends its deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

A Certified True Copy:

L. J. Davidson, Chairperson

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Miss Elizabeth Higgins  
Associate for Board Affairs/Executive Assistant to the President  
The Connecticut State University  
P.O. Box 2008  
New Britain, CT 06050

Dear Betty:

Enclosed is the suggested memorial resolution for Dr. Hilton C. Buley you requested through John Mattia to be presented to the Trustees.

Call me if you need additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Adanti  
President

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Enclosure
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February 11, 1987

Mrs. Hilton C. Buley
Wildwood Village #99
Laconia, NH 03246

Dear Mrs. Buley:

The Connecticut State University Board of Trustees at their February 6 meeting passed the attached resolution honoring President Buley. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know the high regard in which President Buley was held by us all.

Sincerely,

Dallas K. Beal
President

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attachment
Hilton Buley dies at 83; former SCSU president

LACONIA, N.H. — Hilton C. Buley, president emeritus of Southern Connecticut State University and a longtime resident of Cheshire, Conn., died Saturday at the McKerley Health Care Center after a brief illness. He was 83.

He was president of Southern from 1954 to 1971 and guided the institution through its most dynamic academic growth and physical plant development.

"No man is more responsible for the development of Southern than Dr. Buley," said Michael J. Adanti, current SCSU president. "It was his vision that paved the way for Southern to become the great state university it is today," Adanti said.

When Buley was appointed president in July 1954, Southern was known as New Haven State Teachers College. It was just beginning its move from a one-building campus in downtown New Haven to its site in the northwest section of the city.

The new campus had only two partially completed academic structures and consisted of 37 acres.

During his presidency, Buley guided a multimillion dollar expansion of the campus, adding 17 major buildings and more than 100 acres.

Enrollment of the college grew from 1,068 to 11,126 during this period.

In 1954, the institution offered only teacher education programs and had a professional staff of 30.

He increased the size of the faculty tenfold, with more than 60 percent of them holding doctorates in their areas of specialization.

The building of the institution’s faculty set the stage for New Haven State Teachers College to become Southern Connecticut State College in 1960, and, for the first time, to offer programs in liberal arts and in professional areas such as nursing and social work. The college became a university in 1983.

The institution named its library in honor of Buley when it opened in Fall 1970.

Active in the New Haven Rotary Club, he served as president of the city Rotary unit and as governor of Rotary District 798 in the south central Connecticut region.

Born in Waverly, N.Y., Buley received a bachelor’s degree from Hobart College, a master’s degree from Cornell University and a doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University.

He was twice honored by Hobart, with an honorary doctorate in 1963 and with the college’s Medal of Excellence Award in 1970.

Buley served as New Hampshire’s Commissioner of Education from 1948 to 1954 immediately before he became Southern’s president. Earlier in his career he was a school teacher, principal and school superintendent in New York, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

During his 43 years as a teacher and administrator, Buley earned many honors including a citation from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for educational television leadership, the New Hampshire VFW Award for outstanding contributions to citizenship education, a distinguished service award from the New Hampshire Education Association, the Jackson Laboratory Association Award for Cancer Research and the Distinguished Service Award of the SCSU Alumni Association.

Buley is survived by his wife, Arline Bessie Buley of Laconia, N.H.; two sons, Hilton M. Buley of Forest Hills, N.Y., and David R. Buley of Guilford, N.H.; a sister, Juanita Broad of Gene...