




May 20, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: Jim Murdaugh, President 
SUBJECT: Degree in Memoriam for David S. Lowe

Item Description

This request is for Board approval of the awarding of a "Degree in Memoriam" to the family of Mr. David S. Lowe.

Overview and Background

David S. Lowe was a Vietnam Veteran and a student at TCC multiple terms. Mr. Lowe was an avid outdoorsman, triple amputee, and a community volunteer and disability activist. During his later years, he faced profound physical challenges and homelessness but his desire was to earn his degree from TCC.

Unfortunately, Mr. Lowe passed away in June 2018 but his legacy has not been forgotten as Dr. Melissa Soldani created a scholarship in his memory, The Hero Scholarship, that offers other veterans the opportunity to attend TCC. Dr. Soldani and Mr. Lowe's family would be honored if the College would award him his degree in memoriam.

Past Actions by the Board

Approved Board Policy on Awarding Posthumous Degrees September 2012; approved degree in memoriam for Holly Anne Szilveszter on April 18, 2016.

Funding/Financial Implications

None

Staff Resource

Sheri Rowland

Recommended Action

Approve awarding of the degree in memoriam