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## RESOLUTION ON THE RETIREMENT OF JEFFERSON G. CICIA

The members of the Athletic Department, and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Jackson College of Tufts University, hereby record our warm appreciation for our retiring colleague, Assistant Athletic Director Jefferson G. Cicia.

Although this privilege of recognition is generally reserved for faculty members, we believe that Jeff's contributions to the welfare of our student-athletes, the Athletic Department, and the university as a whole, warrant this exception. The depth of loyalty and commitment demonstrated by Jeff should be noted in the university annals. Tufts University has benefited from the contributions of her "son" as a student, administrator and alumnus throughout a 47-year span.

Tufts University has always been a part of Jeff's life. As a boy, he lived down the street on Packard Avenue in Somerville during the 1940s. A 1950 graduate of Somerville High School, he enrolled at Tufts as an engineering major. He played on the freshman and junior varsity basketball teams and as a clarinetist in the orchestra and band. He was an officer in Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. After volunteering for the Army from 1954-56, he returned to Tufts as an Economics major and received his degree in 1958. He met his future wife, Nancy Jones, J59, at Tufts, and the two were married in 1960. His family is truly a part of the Tufts family. They include his son Stephen, A'88, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Barbara and John Hickey, J'56 and E'55, brother-in-law Walter Jones, Fletcher '65, nephew Jeff Chitouras, A'70, and his sister, Alba, recently retired Administrative Assistant of Goddard Chapel.

While earning his master's degree in English at Northeastern University, he was hired to work part-time in the Tufts training room in 1962. That was the beginning of 35 years of post-graduate service to his alma mater. When he was hired full-time as an English teacher at Lynnfield High School in 1964, he kept his job in the training room and worked 14-hour days.

After resigning from Lynnfield in 1983, he was hired full-time by the Athletic Department to assist with recreation and facilities work. He took over as Director of Facilities in 1984 and was an integral part of a team of administrators and coaches that helped develop the Ellis Oval Outdoor Complex which opened in 1986, the Lunder Fitness Center opened in 1993, and the Chase Gymnasium opened in 1996. He contributed to the current development of plans for a new athletic complex at Tufts.

Throughout his employment at Tufts, he was leader of alumni groups. He is a leading member and past president of the Tufts Jumbo Club, the alumni support group for athletics. He is a member of the Tufts University Alumni Association and serves on its Council and the Homecoming, Alumni Weekend, Student Issues, and Awards committees. Also, he is an alumni advisor at Theta Delta Chi. In 1988, he was honored with the Tufts University Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award, and received the ECAC Service Award in 1995.

Tufts University has become a better environment for student growth and development because of the untiring efforts of Jefferson G. Cicia. We wish him the best for good health and continued involvement with the university.