

FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
Resolution Honoring Academic Integrity at
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

The Faculty Senate respectfully offers the following resolution to honor Professors David Gilbert and Omar Trinidad and celebrate our faculty's commitment to Academic freedom, integrity, and service to the community.

WHEREAS David Gilbert, Associate Professor, and Omar Trinidad, Assistant Professor (Automotive Technology) served the interests of the wider community and attracted national attention, including from the U.S. Congress, with their recent groundbreaking research on certain flaws in Toyota' automobiles; and

WHEREAS they remained true to high academic standards and ethical responsibility in spite of pressures to back down from their findings; and

WHEREAS they had the support of the Department Chair and the University to pursue their research; and

WHEREAS their research has contributed to safety for the wider public and garnered widespread respect for our University as an institution of higher learning;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the members of the Faculty Senate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale extend their warmest appreciation to Professors David Gilbert and Omar Trinidad for their commitment to academic integrity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we embrace the example they have set as one of our own, an indication of the goals that animate our academic endeavors. In recognizing these colleagues, we affirm our pride in the academic mission of Southern Illinois University Carbondale and our hope that we will continue to be of service to the community and inspire generations of future scholars and professionals.

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