Robert Farley of Princeton was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation at the Aug. 6 meeting of the New River Community and Technical College Board of Governors. Farley served as chairman of board from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. Although he has stepped down as chairman, he continues to serve on the board.

The citation was presented and read by the new chair, Leslie Baker of Beckley. Farley was recognized for his guidance and leadership during a time of incredible growth and expansion for New River. During his tenure New River completed its transition to independence from Bluefield State College and greatly expanded services in the nine-county service region. Enrollment on all campuses increased by more than 40 percent over the two-year period.

The resolution noted that Farley brought an exceptional level of business experience and a broad understanding of the community college mission to the board.

"Robert Farley has promoted and encouraged the college as an integral partner in higher education in the region and throughout the State of West Virginia, and he has always remained..."
focused on the business of education and training, commented New River President Ted D. Spring.

New River Community and Technical College serves Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster counties from locations in Beaver, Beckley, Bluefield, Lewisburg, Princeton and Summersville.

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