

Board Meeting
January 18, 2018

RESOLUTION FOR PATRICIA BROWN HOLMES

In your six years as a member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees, your unique blend of experience, judiciousness, loyalty and commitment has helped build on the U of I System's rich legacy of excellence.

Your many years of service as a judge, prosecutor, and attorney brought a thoughtful, balanced perspective to board deliberations that enlightened discussions and fostered sound, reasoned decisions. At the same time, as an alumna of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, you worked diligently to preserve the distinctive character of our three universities as decisions were made to expand the U of I System's service to students and the public good.

Your leadership was rooted in a deep sense of fairness and inclusion – always seeking out differing views and respectfully considering all sides of every issue as you worked with your colleagues to reach the best possible conclusions. You will be remembered for your calm, steady approach and your unfailing patience as you worked to build consensus to resolve numerous challenges that faced the Board. These talents enabled you to make lasting, meaningful contributions to the U of I System as a trustee and as a member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC), which you served upon throughout your term on the board.

Your unwavering commitment to the well-being of students was a hallmark of your service. You were a mentor for the student members of the Board, who quickly learned that they could turn to you for guidance and counsel on the important issues that confronted the Board. Through those exchanges, the student trustees learned invaluable lessons that will help them flourish in the workplace and in their lives. But your influence transcends your work as a trustee. As an alumna, your distinguished career has made you a role model for every student – an example of the heights that are within reach with a U of I degree.

You also gave generously of your time and your knowledge of public employment law as a member of the State Universities Civil Service System Merit Board. Your sensitivity and fair-mindedness to individual cases were deeply appreciated and important assets to this body.

Your colleagues, fellow alumni and many friends across the U of I System will miss your wit, dedication, compassion, insight, and devotion to our great University. The Board of Trustees and the University of Illinois community are grateful that you found time in your busy world to share your talents and passion to lead the U of I System into a new era of service and ensure that our universities are nurturing places for all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT President Killeen and the University officers, the faculty members, students, and staff members join with the Board in this tribute to you, and in extending best wishes to you, your husband, Michael, and your family.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record, and that a

suitable copy be given you as a permanent reminder of the esteem and affection in which you are held.