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NAME THE CISAR STUDENT VETERANS CENTER, STUDENT CENTER EAST,
CHICAGO

Action: Name the Cisar Student Veterans Center, Student Center East

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the naming of the Student Veterans Center in Student Center East at 750 South Halsted Street in recognition of Tom and Peggy Cisar. Their gifts totaling \$81,500 towards the renovation of the space covered more than half of the total cost of \$147,436.

The Student Veterans Center is a welcoming and interactive space for student veterans. The Center opened in November 2014 and provides a variety of resources, including: drop-in hours for résumé and curriculum vitae (CV) writing tips from Career Services; information sessions from military-friendly employers; space for UIC Student Veterans Association events; a textbook-lending library created by student veterans; drop-in hours for services from the John Marshall Law School Veterans Clinic and Jesse Brown VA Medical Center; help with GI Bill questions and VA forms; and, academic advising from the Undergraduate Student Success Center.

Mr. Tom Cisar is a 1970 graduate of the UIC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Mr. and Mrs. Cisar are passionate about engaging community leaders and

creating partnerships to benefit many initiatives across the Chicago campus. They have been strong supporters of the College of Medicine with gifts to the Dr. Jay Goldstein Scholarship and Dr. Lawrence Ross Professorship and to the Veteran's Program, a collaboration of the Department of Student Services and the Department of Psychiatry.

In addition to their own gifts, Mr. and Mrs. Cisar have engaged friends, family and colleagues in their activities at the University and have raised an additional \$75,000 in support of the Veteran's Program and the Student Veterans Center.

Mrs. Cisar was instrumental in assisting with the beginning of the Veteran's Program by helping to design and implement a student veteran orientation workshop. She continues to be an active part of the program now through solicitations to 2,000 veteran alumni asking for their support of the Student Veteran Center.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.