

Board Meeting
March 10, 2010

APPROVE CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN
SESQUICENTENNIAL

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes the City of Champaign, a home to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, on its sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, Champaign County was established on the fertile prairies of Illinois in 1833 and had a population of approximately 800.

WHEREAS, more than a quarter of a century later, Champaign was founded when an election was held in 1860 to create the city. Originally called West Urbana, Champaign was, at that time, home to almost 15,000 residents.

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Land Grant College Act in 1862 and set the stage for the establishment of the Illinois Industrial University, the original name of the institution that became the University of Illinois.

WHEREAS, since it was founded, Champaign has grown and prospered. The city is home to more than 67,000 residents and many of the 42,000 students enrolled on the largest campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and approximately 11,000 students at Parkland College on the city's western boundary. Residents work and shop locally, are served by an extensive system of health care

providers, enjoy a robust park system and a new library, and are active and engaged citizens.

WHEREAS, Champaign has graciously and enthusiastically hosted presidents, sports teams and Olympians, visitors from around the globe, and, of course, our students.

WHEREAS many of the campus's facilities are located within the boundaries of the City of Champaign, including: the Colleges of Business, Education, and Law, the Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services, the School of Labor and Employment Relations, the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, the University of Illinois Research Park, Krannert Art Museum, Memorial Stadium, Assembly Hall, the Illinois Conference Center, Swanlund Administration Building, Activities and Recreation Center, and several residence halls.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois congratulates the City of Champaign and its residents on the occasion of its sesquicentennial. The President of the University and other administrative officers, faculty members, students, and staff join with the Board of Trustees in this statement of congratulations and celebration.

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated into the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record, and that a suitable copy be provided to the city as a permanent reminder of the Board's actions.