

Board Meeting
March 14, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR SANFORD E. PERL

Your colleagues on the Board of Trustees express their deepest appreciation for your loyal and dedicated service to help guide the University of Illinois System toward its ambitious goal of setting the standard for student-focused, research-intensive higher education in the 21st century.

As both a U of I alumnus and parent of a student, you brought unique and invaluable insights about the power that the system holds to transform the lives of students and to drive progress for our state, our nation, and our world.

You were an unwavering champion for our bedrock missions of access and affordability, promoting efforts to build on the scholarship funding that is essential to keep our doors open wide to every deserving student.

You also were a steadfast advocate for our students of today and tomorrow, working to ensure safe and welcoming campuses and impactful experiences both inside the classroom and out. Your commitment to academic excellence helped support new initiatives to expand our ranks of world-class faculty, and you constantly challenged our universities to benchmark with peers to maintain an unrelenting focus on performance and excellence.

Our universities and your fellow trustees benefitted greatly from your attentive and thoughtful approach, and from your compassion. Your willingness to take time to listen and truly consider the many complex issues facing our campuses, our faculty and staff, and our students and alumni fostered broader understanding and better-informed decisions.

You gave freely of your time through your service on the Board and on the Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee and the Governance, Personnel and Ethics Committee. Your conscientious attention to detail and probing questions helped guide deliberations on important topics such as hiring new personnel and budget requests.

At this time, the Board members, joined by President Killeen, as well as the University officers, faculty, students, and staff of the University wish to pay tribute to you for your valuable service and extend best wishes to you, your wife Jody, and your family.

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 given to you as a permanent reminder of the esteem in which you are held.