APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR CARLOS TORTOLERO

To: Carlos Tortolero

You answered a call from Governor Quinn to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees at a time in the history of the Board that was like no other and marked by the appointment of seven new trustees. Thus began a new chapter in your extensive service to the University of Illinois. As an alumnus of the Chicago campus you had already established a record of devoted and generous assistance to that campus.

You quickly set out to match your deep knowledge of the Chicago campus by acquiring an understanding of the rest of the University. Through day-long visits to the campuses at Urbana-Champaign and Springfield you soon became well informed about the most important aspects of these campuses. This energetic and relentless quest for understanding the needs of the campuses and the concerns of students, faculty, and staff has been a hallmark of your service as a trustee.

Armed with a substantial amount of knowledge from your background as an educator, and your visits around the University, your tenure as a trustee, albeit brief, has been outstanding.

This background has been appreciated by other trustees serving with you on committees of the Board. Owing to your deep knowledge of several Chicago
communities and of the Chicago public schools, your service to the Hospital Committee and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee has been notable for the insights and perspectives you have brought to deliberations.

In your short tenure as a member of the Board of Trustees you have demonstrated an awareness of the scope of the challenges facing the University. As a member of the Search Committee to Advise the Board of Trustees on the Selection of a President, your dedicated preparation for all related tasks and your enthusiastic participation were assets to this important undertaking.

Through your graciousness and generosity in offering hospitality to members of the Board and the administration at the incomparable National Museum of Mexican Art that you conceived, built, and now nurture and direct, you have brought us together as friends as well as colleagues. We are grateful to the warmth you and your wife, Maria, have shown us and will remember these with affection.

The members of the Board are joined by President Hogan, the faculty, students, and staff of the University in this tribute of respect and admiration and in extending best wishes to you and Mrs. Tortolero.

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 in which you are held.