

Board Meeting
May 11, 2017

RESOLUTION FOR KAREN HASARA

Your term as a member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees began at an historic and pivotal time, when a reorganization brought in six new trustees to oversee our state's flagship university system. Governor Quinn sought your leadership because of your distinguished record of public service, your fairness and pragmatism, and a deep devotion to the University of Illinois that continued to grow after your graduation from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

In the years since your appointment, you have more than rewarded Governor Quinn's confidence and your service has helped build on the U of I System's long legacy of excellence. Foremost, you have been a steadfast champion for students, fulfilling a core mission of our land-grant founding that was reaffirmed in the new Strategic Framework you helped develop to lead the U of I System forward.

As a trustee and in your role as chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, you have been a staunch advocate for affordability and access, financial aid, initiatives that enhance campus safety, new e-learning opportunities, and world-class programs in and out of the classroom that transform students' lives and prepare them for lives of success and happiness.

Your leadership has ensured that student perspectives are always heard and you have amplified their collective voice by sharing your time and expertise to mentor

new classes of student trustees on their crucial role in serving the students of today and tomorrow.

Students, faculty, staff, and the U of I System as a whole have benefitted immensely from the unique insights that you brought to the Board – as an alumna of the University of Illinois at Springfield, and as a former educator, mayor, and legislator. While serving the university's interests, you also have served as a role model for students following in your footsteps, through your successful career and a commitment to public service that extends to international programs promoting citizenship, equality, and economic development.

As a trustee, you volunteered your time and talents generously. Besides chairing the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, you shared your understanding of public employment as Vice Chair of the State Universities Civil Service System Merit Board for your entire term as a member of the Board of Trustees. You also served as a member of the Search Committee to Advise the Board of Trustees on the Selection of a President in 2009-2010. For the past two years, you have served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board, along with Trustees Edward McMillan and James Montgomery. And most recently, you agreed to serve as the Chairperson for Prairieland Energy, Inc., the entity responsible for procuring energy for use at the University.

Your service as a trustee was truly outstanding, and your colleagues and friends will greatly miss your good humor, sincerity, insight, wisdom, and unwavering dedication. Your impact will be felt across the U of I System for generations to come.

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 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.