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RESOLUTION FOR SUSAN M. KIES

To Susan M. Kies

You will be remembered with deepest gratitude and appreciation for your dedicated service as Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the University since February 2012. As Secretary, you have provided members of the Board and the President with fresh perspectives and guidance to assist the Board in crucial decisions that affected all aspects of University operations, from academic priorities to the implementation of important new policies. You also ensured that all voices were heard on topics that required difficult decisions.

Often, you were the conduit for interpreting policies set by the Board to administration, faculty and staff from across the three campuses, as well as members of the public. Your leadership has been invaluable, as has your conviction that all constituencies must be engaged in crucial decisions.

Your prior role as a member of the faculty and Associate Dean of the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign provided a firm foundation for your role as Secretary. In the College, you oversaw the overall process of giving students the opportunity to succeed throughout their matriculation and in their careers. Many who

graduated from the M.D./Ph.D. program with you as a mentor are thankful for your caring and wise counsel.

Along with students, new faculty members benefitted from your thorough knowledge of the College curriculum, policies and understanding of the regional campus' relationship with the College of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago. And, of course, the administration in the College could count on you to alert them to any issues that might affect the program.

Dr. Kies, you are engaging, energetic, enthusiastic, articulate, well informed, and committed to the success of this University. You are passionate in your belief in the power of higher education, and have seen how it can transform lives. Your unselfish caring, consideration, support, and nurturing of others is always in evidence.

Your excellent sense of priorities and your persistence have produced meaningful relationships with colleagues in the Board Office and throughout the University. The Board of Trustees and the officers wish to express their appreciation to you for your service as an exemplary administrator, faculty member, and alumna of the University of Illinois.

At this time the Board of Trustees, President Timothy L. Killeen, faculty members, students, and staff members extend warm wishes to you, Roy, and your family as you transition into a richly deserved retirement.