

Approved by the Board of Trustees
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RESOLUTION FOR SUSAN J. KOCH

As you prepare to retire after nearly a decade as chancellor, the Board of Trustees wishes to honor you and express its deepest gratitude for sharing the leadership and passion that have so profoundly enriched both the University of Illinois at Springfield and the lives of its students.

Since taking office in 2011 as chancellor and vice president of the University of Illinois System, your vision and commitment have brought new programs, new facilities and new opportunities for students, lifting UIS to its place as the top-ranked regional public university in Illinois

Under your leadership, UIS has added new academic programs to meet the needs of both students and the region through additions that range from cybersecurity and data analytics to theater, exercise science and a new bachelor's degree in nursing. The additions are nurturing targeted, next-generation talents while also building on an already best-in-class liberal arts education that prepares the involved, civic-minded citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

Students also are being drawn to the growing campus through your ongoing focus on faculty and facilities. Faculty additions include distinguished scholars recruited through a system-wide initiative that seeks to expand the ranks of world-class professors

who define our excellence. Bricks-and-mortar additions include UIS's first-ever student union, built through a multi-million dollar fundraising campaign that you led. Your efforts have given the campus a new hub of activity for the students of today, and a drawing card for the students of tomorrow. And you are laying the groundwork for more through the current review and update of the campus master plan.

Record fundraising has been synonymous with your tenure as chancellor, providing the gifts that created "The Sangamon Experience," a unique exhibition and research initiative, and a new Center for Lincoln Studies that will expand the university's scholarship on our nation's 16th president and our state's favorite son.

Your devotion to UIS is reflected across the university, from new sculptures and other campus beautification projects to the continuing expansion of the university's young NCAA Division II athletic programs. And it is reflected in your regular outreach to all of UIS's many stakeholders, from letters and campus forums to meetings with faculty and staff and popular student events such as "Chocolate with the Chancellor."

Further, your deep commitment to civic engagement has made UIS a valuable resource for the community of Springfield, surrounding areas, and the State of Illinois. You have served on the United Way of Central Illinois Board and the Memorial Health System Board of Directors, and have been actively involved in the Chamber of Commerce. Recently, you were instrumental in the university's acquisition of Innovate Springfield and making it the first hub of the Illinois Innovation Network, a statewide system of research and education centers led by the U of I System.

At this time the Board of Trustees, President Timothy L. Killeen, faculty members, students, and staff members extend our deepest gratitude for your dedicated service, and warm wishes to you, Dennis 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 to you as a permanent reminder of the esteem and affection in which you are held.