

Board Meeting
November 8, 2012

RESOLUTION FOR SIDNEY S. MICEK

To: Sidney S. Micek

You began your tenure as president and CEO of the University of Illinois Foundation, an independent, non-profit organization, on January 1, 2000, and brought with you a philosophy based on principles that have fostered great success: the importance of developing relationships in fundraising; the need for administering the gifts received; and, the importance of good stewardship of gifts and of donors.

A Nebraska native, you spearheaded fundraising efforts at Syracuse University before your arrival at the University of Illinois. You have developed and maintained strong relationships with individuals and organizations, and oversaw some of the best years in Foundation history. The Brilliant Futures Campaign is a prime example. Publicly launched in 2007, Brilliant Futures was an ambitious effort to raise \$2.25 billion, with goals that emphasized access and excellence for faculty and students. By the end of the campaign on December 31, 2011, the final total of contributions was \$2.43 billion.

At the time, Brilliant Futures was one of the 20 largest fundraising campaigns in higher education history. During the campaign, more than \$341 million was raised for scholarships, fellowships, and other forms of student support. At the same time, more than 140 endowed chair and professorship funds were established. During

your time at the University of Illinois, many new facilities were built thanks in large part to private giving that occurred under your leadership.

You also instituted several measures within the Foundation that enhanced the organization and fundraising across the University, including creation of a business intelligence unit that generates and analyzes fundraising data, in-house training and education programs, and a program that focuses on high-level donor prospects.

From major gifts to annual giving support, University fundraising was elevated under your watch. A record was broken in 2011 when UIF student callers raised more than \$285,000 in one day.

Another significant fundraising effort under your direction is the Access Illinois Presidential Scholarship Initiative, a three-year, \$100 million effort to increase funds for scholarships, fellowships, and other student financial support for students on the Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield campuses.

Your vision and fundraising prowess have helped the University weather some of the most difficult economic times in the history of our State and nation.

For your dedicated stewardship and leadership of the University of Illinois Foundation, the Board of Trustees and the officers of the University of Illinois hereby expresses its gratitude, offers its congratulations to you on your retirement, and wishes you well.