

Board Meeting
November 9, 2006

RESOLUTION FOR MARJORIE E. SODEMANN

In your six years of service to the University of Illinois and to the people of Illinois as a member of the Board of Trustees you have brought an extraordinary combination of experience, seasoned judgment, and dedication to the University.

From your service as a local elected official and your work in state government you brought a public perspective to the deliberations of the Board that enlightened and enriched discussion. At the same time you understood that independence was needed to preserve the quality and distinctive character of the University.

Your dedication to seeking out differing views on issues and respecting those as you reached your own decisions, was admirable. You will be remembered for your talent and great patience in your efforts to build consensus to resolve numerous issues facing the Board. These abilities enabled you to make lasting contributions to several of the Board's committees including: the Athletics Committee, the Budget and Audit Committee, the Governance Committee, and especially the Human Resources Committee, which you chaired.

You consistently showed an understanding of problems facing the University and exerted important leadership in addressing them. A notable example is the policy you crafted for the appropriate utilization of retired faculty and staff to benefit the University.

You gave generously of your time and your knowledge of public employment to the State Universities Civil Service System Merit Board for your entire term. Your impressive sensitivity and fair mindedness to individual cases were deeply appreciated and important assets to this body.

Your colleagues and many others will greatly miss your good humor, sincerity, empathy, wisdom, and dedicated service.

The President 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, your husband, George Sodemann, 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.