

Board Meeting
September 23, 2010

RESOLUTION FOR RICHARD D. RINGEISEN

To Richard D. Ringeisen

The Board of Trustees is pleased to have designated you as Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Illinois at Springfield.

You will be remembered with gratitude for your contributions to the Springfield campus since assuming the role of chancellor in 2001. These include: establishing the campus as an outstanding public liberal arts institution, attested to by consistently high rankings in national surveys and by the campus' admission to the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges; adding facilities to the campus that included a classroom building, a research station, new student housing, the Peoria center, and a recreation and athletic center; attention to burnishing the quality of the academic programs; and increasing student retention.

Among your achievements that have enhanced the quality and scope of the academic programs at Springfield are: completing the campus' transition to a four-year curriculum, fully implementing the Capitol Scholars Program as a means for recruiting talented freshmen; increasing the number of faculty; adding to the number of endowed professorships; expanding the campus' online education offerings resulting in greater

national recognition of the campus in this area; and adding opportunities for international study for students.

You have provided for an enriched experience for students by expanding the array of student life activities. This has included the development of athletic programs and the addition of teams in several sports that paved the way for the campus to be admitted to the NCAA Division II and the Great Lakes Valley Conference, and fostering the growth of student organizations to the current total of 80 such groups.

In seeking resources for the campus, particularly in scholarships through the Brilliant Futures Campaign, you have excelled, and benefitted the Springfield campus.

Further, your efforts to make the Springfield campus a resource for the immediate community and the State have been significant. From collaborating with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in presenting scholarly programs; to hosting major events for the State, such as inaugural ceremonies for the Illinois House of Representatives, and public forums for elected officials; to opening the campus' facilities to community groups; you have made the Springfield campus a recognized gathering point in the State.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to you and Mrs. Ringeisen for your service as exemplary ambassadors of the University in the capitol city of the State and beyond.

At this time the Board of Trustees, President Michael Hogan, faculty members, students, and staff members extend warm wishes to you and Mrs. Ringeisen and your family.