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# RESOLUTION FOR NAOMI D. JAKOBSSON

In your six years of service to the University of Illinois as a member of the Board of Trustees, you have shown a deep interest and devotion to the University of Illinois System. As an alumna, elected official, and as a teaching associate, 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 universities that make up our System.

Your service as an elected official was deeply beneficial, not only to the University of Illinois but to public higher education in Illinois. You spent several years as a member and chair of the House of Representatives Higher Education Committee, sponsoring legislation beneficial to the University of Illinois System and advocating to make the universities premier public higher education institutions.

As a trustee you gave generously of your time and expertise, willingly serving on Board committees and in external organizations, seemingly always willing to be available for any meeting or event that the trustees were invited to attend. In your role as a member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, you were a staunch advocate for the importance of providing our students with a world-class education and preparing our students for lives of success and happiness. And your participation and experience as a local and state representative enhanced your knowledge and participation in the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee. Your dedication to understanding all aspects of issues helped you reach sound decisions on the many issues affecting students, faculty, and staff.

You have also charitably shared time and your knowledge of public employment with the State Universities Civil Service System Merit Board. Your sensitivity and fair-mindedness were deeply appreciated and important to this body.

Your exemplary career as a public servant and your commitment to public service are a shining model to our campus community. Your service as a trustee was outstanding, and your colleagues and many others will greatly miss your good humor, sincerity, insight, wisdom, and dedicated service.

The President and University officers, faculty members, students, and staff join the Board in this tribute to you and in extending best wishes to you 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.