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RESOLUTION FOR RICARDO ESTRADA

# To: Ricardo Estrada

Your steadfast support, devotion, and generous assistance to the University of Illinois System and the Board of Trustees have been exemplary during your two terms of service as a trustee. Your thoughtful observations and reflections on the actions that are an important part of the work of the Board demonstrate your dedication to the core values that the University of Illinois was founded upon: teaching and educational resources, research, and public engagement.

Your dedication to the work of the Board has been confirmed by your long service, beginning with your first term in 2011, and by your participation in three committees: the Academic and Student Affairs Committee; the University Healthcare System Committee; and the Governance, Personnel and Ethics Committee, which you chaired. You also provided valuable service to the Executive Committee of the Board and to the Board of Shield T3.

You have been keenly focused on opportunity; inclusion; and equity for all students, faculty, and staff. Your encouragement of all students has been unwavering, knowing that higher education can enhance opportunities for their futures and benefit their families and the communities around them.

You have worked to protect student interests through the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, and by helping fellow trustees and administrators better understand how tuition rates affect our students. You have also pointed us to opportunities to be more culturally inclusive, for instance, introducing the practice of adding both paternal and maternal family names to diplomas for students from Latin American communities and helping colleagues understand the multigenerational impact that obtaining a college degree can have on the families of first-generation students.

Your commitment to the recruitment and retention of excellent faculty and staff also assures an exceptional educational experience. Your review of academic programs, departments, and colleges also added to the quality of the education that is provided across the University of Illinois System.

As a trustee and as president and CEO of Metropolitan Family Services, you have always been generous with your time, and willing to help establish new academic and research partnerships that benefit families across Illinois and beyond.

 During the COVID-19 pandemic, you also have focused on the welfare and treatment of all of our faculty, students, and staff, as well as community members. You have been a strong advocate of research during this time, too, through your service on the Shield T3 Board.

 As a University of Illinois Chicago alumnus and champion for all of the System, you are highly respected and will be remembered as a dedicated and staunch advocate for the University community.

At this time, the members of the Board are joined by President Killeen, faculty, staff, students, and friends in this tribute of respect and admiration and in extending best wishes to you and Ms. Ponce de Leon.

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 in which you are held.