

Board Meeting  
May 16, 2019

## RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE GRAINGER FOUNDATION

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois sincerely appreciates and recognizes the dedicated commitment of William W. Grainger and The Grainger Foundation to the University.

Mr. Grainger was an alumnus of the College of Engineering, graduating in 1919 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He founded W.W. Grainger, Inc., in 1927, which is now North America's leading broad line supplier of maintenance, repair, and operating products.

In 1979, The Grainger Foundation began their enduring support of the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The first department to benefit from their generosity was Electrical and Computer Engineering. Since then, many projects have flourished from the support of The Foundation, including the Engineering Visionary Scholarship Initiative, the Grainger Engineering Breakthroughs Initiative, and the Grainger Engineering Library Information Center.

Thanks to a very generous gift in the amount of \$100 million to the University, we now have The Grainger College of Engineering in recognition of the contributions of The Grainger Foundation, guided by the leadership of Mr. David W. Grainger, chairman and director, in honor of his father, Mr. William W. Grainger. With

this gift, The Grainger Foundation will have provided more than \$300 million in support of academic and research excellence in the College of Engineering over the years.

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and commends William W. Grainger and The Grainger Foundation for their exceptional philanthropic work and their contributions to strengthen one of the most distinguished engineering programs in the world.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated into the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record, and that a suitable copy be given to The Grainger Foundation as a permanent reminder of the esteem in which Mr. Grainger and The Grainger Foundation are held.