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# RESOLUTION FOR JAVIER A. REYES

As you conclude your work at the University of Illinois System, the Board of Trustees wishes to honor you and express its gratitude for your important contributions as Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois System, as well as your previous service as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UIC.

During your year of devoted service as Interim Chancellor, you demonstrated your thoughtful and compassionate leadership style that was apparent when you joined the UIC community as Provost in 2021.

You began your tenure as Provost by building close relationships with faculty, staff, and students, while embracing the educational mission and culture that makes UIC an important asset to the citizens of Chicago and the State of Illinois. You also created valuable connections with leaders from the city of Chicago to exemplify how important UIC is to the community and the state.

At UIC, you have worked to ensure academic standards are of the highest quality and strived to offer opportunities to be more culturally inclusive to all members of the university. With your guidance, UIC continues to be a Minority-Serving Institution (MSI), a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI). Under your leadership, UIC and 19 of the nation’s top research universities formed the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Research Universities to increase opportunities for those historically underserved by higher education. As UIC experienced record-breaking enrollment, you adeptly refocused resource allocation to support innovative and accessible education. You led the realignment of academic and student affairs to better serve students and recommitted to building partnerships in the transfer arena. Your focus on attracting exceptional candidates from across the nation led to top-notch leadership at UIC. This all has contributed to UIC being a vibrant leader in higher education that has immense impact as a world-class research university. UIC is known for providing an exceptional education to anyone who wishes to attend. You supported greater equity and access to educational opportunities while promoting life-changing innovation for UIC and our surrounding communities. You advanced your vision for UIC as “a dynamic national leader in higher education with tremendous impact as a world-class research university that is home to a culturally rich and diverse student body.”

At this time, the Board of Trustees, President Timothy L. Killeen, faculty members, students, and staff extend our deepest gratitude for your dedicated service, and warm wishes to you, Maritza, 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.