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# RESOLUTION FOR LESTER H. McKEEVER JR.

Since 1994, you have offered your guidance and experience to the betterment of the University, serving as treasurer of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.

Your role as treasurer has also included serving on the Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee. Your exceptional commitment to this committee for more than 20 years is unparalleled. You played a vital role in promoting the integrity, accountability, and transparency of the University of Illinois System’s operations. Your dedicated service contributed to sound stewardship of University resources. You have served with distinction, contributing your expertise and commitment to supporting the fulfillment of the System’s fiduciary responsibilities.

Your more than 30 years of service as treasurer of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees has coincided with a distinguished career and numerous contributions to other organizations. A 1955 graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, you became only the 60th Black Certified Public Accountant in the United States. After service in the U.S. Army, you joined the Chicago accounting firm of Washington and Pittman. After becoming partner, the firm would eventually become Washington, Pittman and McKeever. You are now a partner at Mitchell Titus, the largest minority-owned CPA firm in the country. You chaired the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and have also given your time to numerous corporate boards.

With this resolution, the Board of Trustees recognizes your more than three decades of service to your alma mater. 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.