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**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA PROPOSED NAMING –
THEODORE M. REHDER RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMONS**

Action Requested: Consider recommending to the Board approval of the University of Iowa's request to name the residential learning commons located in the new west campus residence hall as the Theodore M. Rehder Residential Learning Commons.

Executive Summary: The University of Iowa requests that the residential learning commons located in the west campus residence hall, currently under construction, be named as the Theodore M. Rehder Residential Learning Commons.

Theodore M. "Ted" Rehder was born in Lincoln, Iowa in 1908. He graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1926, enrolled at the University of Iowa, and to the great benefit of tens of thousands of University students, he never left.

Mr. Rehder began working part time for the Iowa Memorial Union Dining Services soon after he entered the University. While still a student, he was named assistant manager of the Union Dining Services, manager of the new student employment bureau, and then manager of the Union Dining Service, all in 1929. In 1933, two years prior to earning his bachelor's degree from the University, Mr. Rehder was named assistant director of the Iowa Memorial Union. In 1946, he was named the first Director of Dormitories and Dining, a position he held for thirty years until his retirement in 1976.

Mr. Rehder worked for and with five University Presidents during his nearly five decades of service to the University of Iowa. The University housing system added five new residence halls (Burge, Daum, Stanley, Rienow and Slater) and constructed Hawkeye Drive and Hawkeye Court apartments during his tenure. In 1981, a lounge in Quadrangle Hall (Quad) was renamed the Rehder Lounge in honor of Mr. Rehder's many years of service to Housing and Dining Services. With the impending decommissioning of the Quad, the University wishes to continue to memorialize his legacy of service to University of Iowa students by naming the learning commons in the new west campus residence hall as the Rehder Residential Learning Commons.

This naming is a highly appropriate recognition of Mr. Rehder's lifetime of service and is in keeping with the naming guidelines specified by the Board of Regents naming policy.