

**BOARD OF REGENTS
STATE OF IOWA**

**AGENDA ITEM 9
SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2008**

Contact: Robert Donley

RESOLUTION HONORING MARVIN POMERANTZ

Action Requested: Consider approval of a resolution honoring the late Marvin Pomerantz for his many contributions to the Board of Regents and the Regent institutions.

Whereas: Marvin A. Pomerantz inspired all Iowans as a man of great accomplishment and generosity; and

Whereas: He valued education as the key to his tremendous personal achievement in rising out of poverty to great business success and state educational leadership; and

Whereas: He made philanthropy and public service the cornerstones of his life philosophy; and

Whereas: He dedicated his life to providing the best education that the State of Iowa can give to every child; and

Whereas: He served the educational needs of Iowans through leadership on such boards and initiatives as the Commission on Educational Excellence for the 21st Century, the Business Forum for Education, the University of Iowa Foundation Board of Directors and capital campaigns; and

Whereas: He served two terms as President of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, overseeing outstanding growth and ambitious increases in quality among the Regents institutions, exemplary commitment to affordability and accessibility in education, higher national institutional profiles that served Iowans and the entire country well, excellent stewardship of the resources provided by the citizens of Iowa, and deeper connections to the needs of the state for its prosperity and high quality of life; and

Whereas: His and his family's philanthropic generosity and personal advocacy were manifested in myriad areas across the Regents institutions, including a professorship in education and the Robert and Yvonne Koob Community Engagement Fund at The University of Northern Iowa; the Mary Louise Smith Chair for Women in Politics and support for faculty enrichment and athletics at Iowa State University; the Lied Multi-Purpose Complex at the Iowa School for the Deaf; and, at The University of Iowa, his alma mater, building projects such as the Pomerantz Family Pavilion of UI Hospitals and Clinics, the Pomerantz Career Center, the Pappajohn Business Building housing the Tippie College of Business which now includes the Pomerantz Business Library, the Levitt Center for University Advancement, the College of Public Health building, and others; Pomerantz chairs in cardiology, finance, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, political science, and public health; and other support for several Colleges, Hancher Auditorium, the University of Iowa Libraries, the Office of Student Services, the UI Museum of Art, the UI Alumni Association, and numerous other programs across campus; and

Whereas: He earned the respect and accolades of the people of the state and nation through such exemplary honors and awards as the Alexis de Tocqueville Award from United Way of Central Iowa, the National Governors Association Award for Distinguished Service, the Outstanding Philanthropist Award from the National Society

of Fund Raising Executives, the Distinguished Iowa Citizen Award from the Mid-Iowa Council-Boy Scouts of America, the People of Vision Award from the Iowa Society to Prevent Blindness, the Hancher-Finkbine Alumni Medallion from The University of Iowa, the Oscar C. Schmidt Iowa Business Leadership Award from The University of Iowa, the first Roosevelt High School Humanitarian Award, induction into the Iowa Business Hall of Fame, and the Horatio Alger Award from the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents, State of Iowa expresses its profound thanks and appreciation to Marvin A. Pomerantz, a man who provided extraordinary contributions to the Regents institutions and all its students; a man of unparalleled wisdom, generosity, tenacity, and dedication to the betterment of education in Iowa; a man whose legacy of leadership, philanthropy, and inspiration will live on in our state and nation; and a man who will remain in the memories and hearts of all citizens as one of the greatest of Iowans.

Dated this 18th Day of September, 2008

David W. Miles, President

Bonnie J. Campbell

Robert N. Downer

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