MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Naming of New Honors Facility
Date: June 1, 2001

Recommended Action:

Approve the naming of the University of Iowa new honors facility as the Myron and Jacqueline N. Blank Honors Center.

Executive Summary:

The University of Iowa requests that the new honors facility be named the Myron and Jacqueline N. Blank Honors Center. Myron and Jacqueline N. Blank have been long-standing supporters of the University of Iowa. Through their vision and extraordinary commitment to gifted education, they have helped to establish several endowments and scholarships. In November 1999, the Blanks contributed $5 million for the construction and program development of a new honors facility which will provide the University with an extraordinary opportunity to enhance the education of Iowa’s best and brightest students.

The recommendation to name the new honors facility in recognition of Myron and Jacqueline N. Blank has the full support of the directors of the Collegiate Honors Program and the Belin-Blank Center for Gifted and Talented Education, whose programs will be housed in this new facility. Both the Campus Planning Committee and the Advisory Committee on the Naming of Buildings concur with this recommendation. Board approval is now requested.

Robert J. Barak

Approved: Frank J. Stork

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