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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY PROPOSED NAMING

Action Requested: Recommend the Board approve Iowa State University's request to name the new Turkey Teaching and Research Facility, the "**Dr. Stanley Balloun Turkey Teaching and Research Facility.**"

- Board's *Policy Manual* §2.3, section 17 requires Board approval of proposed honorary namings of all "Major Units." Major Units are entire buildings, wings of buildings, colleges, programs and large sections of campus.

Executive Summary: Iowa State University requests approval to name the new Turkey Teaching and Research Facility in honor of Dr. Stanley Balloun, who received his bachelor's degree and doctorate from Iowa State University, served as a professor in animal science at Iowa State and was an international expert, pioneering researcher and leader in the science of turkey feed. He authored 86 papers in refereed journals, consulted and presented lectures in more than 20 countries and received the "National Turkey Federation Research Award," the "American Feed Manufacturers Association Nutrition Research Award" and was a Fellow of the Poultry Science Association.

The Turkey Teaching and Research Facility is being constructed north of the Robert T. Hamilton Poultry Teaching and Research Farm, located south of the Iowa State campus on 520th Avenue. Completion is expected in spring 2022.

The Turkey Teaching and Research Facility will provide a hands-on learning environment, flexible space and state-of-the-art equipment for research. It will also support the outreach benefits of Iowa State, from Extension programming to, continuing education and peer-to-peer opportunities for industry professionals, to observation areas where visitors, including schoolchildren, can see first-hand examples of and learn about turkey production. When complete, the facility will be the only one of its kind focused on turkey production at a major university.

The turkey facility is a university-industry partnership, which has been fully funded through contributions from industry partners and private donors.

A lead gift for the project was provided by Jim and Julie Balloun of Atlanta, Georgia. Jim received his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Iowa State and is the retired chairman and chief executive officer of Acuity Brands, Inc., a lighting and building management firm headquartered in Atlanta. Jim was also a partner at McKinsey and Company and was the founder of their Atlanta office. His father was Dr. Stanley Balloun. The Balloun family has a long history of generous giving to Iowa State University, previously establishing a professorship and a faculty chair, as well supporting the Nanovaccine Institute on the top floor of ISU's Advanced Teaching and Research Building.

The university is grateful for the significant support the Balloun Family is providing to Iowa State and requests that the committee recommend the Board approve naming this facility the **Dr. Stanley Balloun Turkey Teaching and Research Facility** in honor of beloved faculty member, Dr. Stanley Balloun.