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**REQUEST TO NAME THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER FOR MACULAR
DEGENERATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval of the request by the University of Iowa to name the Interdisciplinary Center for Macular Degeneration as the Carver Family Center for Macular Degeneration at the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine to the Board.

Executive Summary: The proposed name will honor the Carver family which, together with the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust of Muscatine, has been among the University's most generous benefactors.

Background on Name Request:

- Lucille Carver attended the University of Iowa and received the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Iowa Alumni Association in 1972. She also served on the University Foundation Board of Directors from 1981 to 1985.
- The Carver family and the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust have a long history of support for the University of Iowa. Combined Carver family and Carver Trust support for the University's medical center totals more than \$100 million; to-date, their combined support of the University is approximately \$126 million.
- The primary beneficiary of the Carver family's most recent gift of \$10 million will be the University's Interdisciplinary Center for Macular Degeneration, which is dedicated to research and treatment of macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, and related degenerative diseases of the eye. The Center is known as a world leader in the discovery of the genetic basis of blinding eye disease. This gift will enable the Center to engage in broader research and treatment initiatives.
- Naming this Center in the Carver family's honor is a fitting tribute to their generosity and ongoing support of the University and health-related issues.