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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY PROPOSED NAMING

Action Requested: Recommend the Board approve the naming of the Iowa State University poultry farm as the “**Robert T. Hamilton Poultry Teaching and Research Farm.**”

Additionally, approve the naming of the poultry farm’s layer building as the “**Iowa Egg Council Layer Research Facility**” and approve the naming of the poultry farm’s genetics building as the “**Hy-Line Genetics Research Building**” (see map on next page).

The Board’s Policy Manual Chapter 2.3/16/A requires the Board approve the naming of all proposed honorary names of facilities, properties, or university units (except minor facilities as defined) owned or operated by the five Regent institutions.

Executive Summary: This request for Board approval to name the Iowa State University poultry farm the “**Robert T. Hamilton Poultry Teaching and Research Farm**” is in honor of Robert T. Hamilton, now deceased, of West Des Moines. Robert’s surviving spouse, Arlene Hamilton, made a gift commitment of \$3,000,000 to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to assist in funding the construction of the \$5,000,000 “Poultry Farm – Teaching and Research Facilities” project. Arlene’s generous financial support of this project reflects the strong confidence that Arlene has in the quality of the academic programs at Iowa State University and the positive role poultry teaching, research, and extension can play for the University.

Robert T. (Bob) and Arlene Hamilton, natives of Iowa Falls, never attended Iowa State University, however, they devoted their lives to building a farm together in Iowa Falls. With humble beginnings, the Hamiltons worked together to build a successful poultry (layer hens) and hog operation; growing their poultry, livestock, and land holdings during 50+ years of marriage. The Hamiltons are considered patriarchs of the modern layer industry, which has positioned Iowa as the number one egg producer in the United States. Arlene Hamilton is now retired and lives in West Des Moines. Arlene has one son, Scott, who received degrees from Iowa State University in Animal Science and Agronomy. Scott lives in Ankeny with his wife, Diane, and leads the Robert & Arlene Hamilton Family Charitable Foundation.

The University is grateful for the significant financial support Arlene Hamilton is providing to Iowa State University and, respectfully, requests Board approval of the naming of the poultry farm in honor of her late husband.

Furthermore, in honor of a \$1,500,000 commitment to the poultry farm from the Iowa Egg Council, Iowa State University requests approval to name the poultry farm’s layer building as the “**Iowa Egg Council Layer Research Facility.**”

Finally, in honor of a \$500,000 commitment to the poultry farm from Hy-Line International and its United State’s division, Hy-Line North America, Iowa State University requests approval to name the poultry farm’s genetics building as the “**Hy-Line Genetics Research Building.**”

