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**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA NAMING REQUEST**

**Action Requested:** Consider recommending to the Board approval of the naming of the new press box facility at Kinnick Stadium as the Paul W. Brechler Press Box.

**Executive Summary:** The University of Iowa requests that the new press box facility at Kinnick Stadium be named in honor of Paul W. Brechler to recognize his long and distinguished career as the University of Iowa's Director of Athletics from 1947 to 1960.

During Dr. Brechler's tenure as athletic director, the University played in two Final Four men's basketball championships and captured two Rose Bowl championships. He was also instrumental in the building of the 1958 press box, and the design and construction of the Finkbine Golf Course.

Dr. Brechler received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. After serving as the University's athletic director, he served as commissioner of the Mountain States Conference, Western Athletic Conference and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Since Dr. Brechler's death in 1997, his widow, Wanda Brechler, has been actively involved in the University of Iowa's athletic program and has indicated that a significant estate gift will be donated to the Department of Athletics at the time of her death.