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**REQUEST TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Iowa to award an honorary doctor of science degree to Gregs Thomopulos at Spring 2010 Commencement.

Executive Summary: The University of Iowa wishes to recognize Mr. Thomopulos for his exceptional contributions to advancing research and educational opportunities at the University of Iowa.

Details on Mr. Thomopulos' Accomplishments:

- ◇ Mr. Thomopulos received a Bachelor of Science degree (with highest distinction) in Civil Engineering from the University of Kansas in 1965 and a Master of Science degree in Structural Engineering and Structural Mechanics from the University of California, Berkeley in 1966.
- ◇ In 1965, Mr. Thomopulos joined Stanley Consultants, Inc. in Muscatine, Iowa, as an engineering intern. In 1968, he was assigned overseas where he spent 10 years on various assignments. He was elected Vice President of the International Division in 1978 and was responsible for all of the firm's operations outside of the United States. This assignment took him to more than 35 countries, primarily in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and the Caribbean, where he oversaw the design and construction of infrastructure, energy, and environmental projects. In 1987, he was named president of the firm and, in 1998, he became its chief executive officer. Currently, he serves as both CEO and chairman of the Board of Directors of Stanley Consultants.
- ◇ Stanley Consultants, provides engineering, environmental, and construction services worldwide and operates from 17 offices in the United States and 11 offices overseas. Mr. Thomopulos' dedication has led Stanley Consultants to a rank of 61 in the *Engineering News-Record* top 100 pure design engineering organizations. Under his leadership, Stanley Consultants has made outstanding contributions in the engineering field, including bringing electricity to the Philippines and safe water to Egypt; helping to restore Kuwait after the Gulf War; and designing a state-of-the-art chemical weapons destruction analytical laboratory in Russia.
- ◇ He has led his colleagues at Stanley Consultants to share their time, experience, and enthusiasm with students at all three Regent universities through mentoring, guest seminars, and classroom interactions, along with scholarship, research, and facilities support that has greatly benefitted Iowa higher education.
- ◇ Mr. Thomopulos is a licensed professional engineer in 14 states and Puerto Rico. He is a Fellow of the American Council of Engineering Companies and the American Society of Civil Engineer. He is also a member of the Iowa Engineering Society and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Mr. Thomopulos' success lies not just in his contributions to the field of engineering, but also in his contributions to education and society.