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**REQUEST TO AWARD 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 Robert J. Osterhaus at Spring 2012 Commencement.

Executive Summary: The University of Iowa wishes to recognize Mr. Osterhaus for his exceptional contributions to civic and political leadership, his dedication to the pharmacy profession, and his loyalty to the University of Iowa.

Details on Mr. Osterhaus's Accomplishments:

- ◇ Mr. Osterhaus is a lifelong Iowan and a 1952 University of Iowa pharmacy graduate. He has practiced as a staff and community pharmacist for more than 50 years. An independent community pharmacy owner since 1965, he has become a renowned leader in pharmacy practice, pharmacy education, and advocacy in support of the profession and the public good. His pharmacy has long been recognized as one of the most progressive, patient-centered pharmacy practices in the state of Iowa, if not the nation, with a focus on enhanced patient care through the involvement of the pharmacist. He has been one of the strongest advocates of the pharmaceutical care initiative in Iowa, which created advanced pharmaceutical care community practices and which contributes to better use of medication in the treatment of disease throughout the state of Iowa.
- ◇ Mr. Osterhaus has advocated for the quality and value of pharmacy education, working to ensure that schools and colleges of pharmacy provide quality educational and practical experiences for pharmacy students through the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. He has mentored scores of practitioners of all ages. His commitment to education is also evident within his own family – all ten of the Osterhaus children have at least one college degree, and two are pharmacists.
- ◇ Mr. Osterhaus has served in numerous professional leadership positions – president of the Board of the Iowa Pharmacists Association; chair of the state's Board of Pharmacy Examiners; board member and president of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education; president of the American Pharmacists Association and founder of its Political Action Committee; executive committee member of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Community Pharmacy Section; and member of the Governor's Medical Home Advisory Council for the Iowa Department of Public Health.
- ◇ He served four terms as representative for Iowa's 34th House District from 1995 to 2003. At the time he was in office, Mr. Osterhaus was the only practicing health care professional in the General Assembly. His perspectives on a variety of issues pertaining to health care were invaluable to his service as a member of the Ways and Means and Commerce Committees and as the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee on Human Services. He was involved in a number of major legislative efforts, including the development of the HAWK-I insurance plan for Iowa children in low-income families and securing payment for pharmacist services in the Iowa Medicaid program.

- ◇ His long-standing community leadership includes the presidency of the Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce and membership in Maquoketa Art Experience, Maquoketa Rotary Club, and Maquoketa Area Community Foundation.
- ◇ Mr. Osterhaus has been recognized for his leadership, service, and achievements with numerous awards and honors, including the Lifetime Achievement in the Practice of Pharmacy Awards from the International Pharmacy Federation, Hubert H. Humphrey Award from the American Pharmaceutical Association, Distinguished Alumni Award for Service from the University of Iowa Alumni Association, Merck Award for Outstanding Achievement, A. H. Robins Bowl of Hygeia Award, Iowa Distinguished Pharmacist Award, and Remington Honor Medal, the pharmacy profession's highest honor.
- ◇ Mr. Osterhaus has been a loyal friend to the University of Iowa. He and his wife, Ann, have contributed generously and consistently to the College of Pharmacy and to a number of other university programs. During his time as a member of the Iowa General Assembly, he provided invaluable service to the university's health sciences colleges as well as the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. His professional home, the Osterhaus-Snyder Pharmacy in Maquoketa, Iowa, remains one of the College of Pharmacy's leading community clerkship practice sites.
- ◇ Through his dual commitment to the highest standards in patient care and in higher education, he continues to have a profound impact on the pharmacy profession and on pharmacy education.