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**REQUEST TO AWARD HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Iowa to award an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to John W. Colloton at Spring 2013 Commencement.

Executive Summary: The University of Iowa wishes to recognize Mr. Colloton for his visionary leadership during more than 40 years of service to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; his extraordinary contributions to medicine, public health, and health care in Iowa and beyond; and his enduring commitment to advancing the University of Iowa in all aspects of its education, research, and service missions.

Details on Mr. Colloton's Accomplishments:

- ◆ After earning his Master's degree in Hospital and Health Administration (now the Department of Health Management and Policy in the College of Public Health), Mr. Colloton worked at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for 44 years, 22 years as chief executive officer. During his tenure, he transformed the UIHC from a physically and operationally outmoded hospital campus into a state-of-the-art comprehensive academic medical center.
- ◆ Mr. Colloton oversaw the \$500 million capital replacement program (all with private funding) which quintupled the size of UIHC, endowed the hospital complex with one of the best physical plants in the country; and positioned the university's academic medical center for the excellence and distinction it enjoys today. His visionary leadership enabled the UIHC to develop into one of America's premier teaching hospitals and helped bring cutting-edge medical services to all Iowans.
- ◆ Mr. Colloton served as a dedicated spokesperson and champion for the institution's educational and research missions as well as for its clinical service. During his tenure, scientific research in the College of Medicine expanded in concert with the growth of the UIHC's tertiary care mission. Mr. Colloton's election in 1987 to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences affirmed his stature as a highly respected academic leader. When he was elected chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges in 1988, he was only the second non-physician to hold that position in the association's 112-year history.
- ◆ Mr. Collton has received additional honors to recognize his leadership and contributions to the fields of medicine, public health, and health care, including induction into the National Health Care Hall of Fame, the American Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award, and the Horatio Alger Award for Distinguished Americans.

- ◇ The University of Iowa and the Board of Regents have previously recognized Mr. Colloton's contributions.
 - In 1982, the Board of Regents named a new UIHC facility the John W. Colloton Pavilion in honor of his leadership.
 - In 1999, the John W. Colloton Chair in Health Management and Policy was established in the College of Public Health as a result of a \$2 million endowment contributed by colleagues and friends.
 - In 2007, the John W. Colloton Chair in Cardiology was established in the Carver College of Medicine through the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pomerantz.
 - Mr. Colloton received the University of Iowa Distinguished Alumni Award and the College of Public Health Outstanding Alumni Award.
 - The John W. Colloton Outstanding Student Award each year recognizes a student in health management and policy who has exhibited exceptional leadership abilities and high potential for advancing the profession.

- ◇ Mr. Colloton has been a generous friend to the University of Iowa and a dedicated supporter of the College of Public Health. He and his wife, Mary Ann, are recognized as Founding Partners of the College. He was an exceptional resource during the establishment of the College and has served as a valued advisor and mentor for faculty and students in his home department and across the College.