Office of the President  
April 24, 2007  

Members, Board of Trustees:  

ELIZABETH CLEMENTS ABELL PLEDGE  

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of $125,000 from Elizabeth Clements Abell of Potomac, Maryland to create and endow the Earle C. Clements Graduate Research Fellowship and submit this pledge of $125,000 for matching funds from Kentucky’s Endowment Match Program. Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines require that the Board of Trustees acknowledge its responsibility for UK’s participation in the program and for all university endowment funds.  

Background: Elizabeth Clements Abell is the daughter of the Honorable Earle C. Clements, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1945-47), Governor of Kentucky (1947-50), and a U.S. Senator (1950-57). Mrs. Abell’s wishes are that her father be honored and remembered for his outstanding public service to the Commonwealth. She also is motivated to provide graduate fellowships to support students working in the Libraries’ Public Policy Archives that include her father’s papers.