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Office of the President
May 8, 2015

Members, Board of Trustees:

NAMING OF UNIVERSITY BUILDING: RESIDENCE HALL

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve renaming Central Hall I residence hall, located at the corner of University Avenue and Hilltop Avenue, as Lyman T. Johnson Hall.

Background: The request to rename this residence hall was submitted by the Lyman T. Johnson African American Alumni Group. Lyman T. Johnson was born in 1906 and was a teacher and assistant principal at Louisville, Kentucky schools. He was a civil rights activist who fought for equal pay for African American teachers and was head of the Louisville National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He died in 1997.

Mr. Johnson began the end to segregation at the University of Kentucky and all of Kentucky's public higher education institutions when he applied to UK on March 15, 1948. Denied admission to the university's Lexington campus because of his race, Mr. Johnson sued. On March 30, 1949, he won and became the first African American student to enroll on the campus of the University of Kentucky in the Graduate School.

The Advisory Committee on Naming University Property has reviewed the request and found it to be in compliance with university policy Administrative Regulation 9:5 and recommends approval of this name designation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____