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Office of the President
March 10, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

UNIVERSITY STAFF EMERITUS BE CONFERRED UPON
HOWARD G. BEACH

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees confer upon Howard G. Beach the title of University Staff Emeritus in recognition of his many years of service, dedication, and loyalty to the University of Kentucky.

Background: Mr. Beach began his service to the University of Kentucky July 1, 1968 as the Assistant Safety Officer under the then Division of Safety and Security. He was promoted in 1976 to the position that is now known as the University Fire Marshal.

Mr. Beach retired from the University of Kentucky on January 31, 2009. During his service of 40 plus years, Mr. Beach worked tirelessly to establish UK as a national leader in life safety and fire prevention. UK's safety and fire prevention programs have been recognized by the Princeton Review, the 2008 Reader's Digest College Safety Survey, as well as numerous peer institutions.

UK was the first Kentucky postsecondary institution to install sprinkler systems in all of its dormitories. Due to Mr. Beach's determination and foresight, this effort was accomplished prior to the Commonwealth of Kentucky mandating that all higher education institutions install these systems.

Under Mr. Beach's guidance, UK was one of the first institutions of higher learning to incorporate the use of theatrical smoke into fire drills. This novel concept has evolved into the standard for training and education of students and employees at other institutions.

For more than four decades, Mr. Beach has been driven to protect the lives of the university community. His dedication and resolve to make the campus community a safer place for all of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors make him deserving to be conferred the honor of University Staff Emeritus by the Board of Trustees.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____