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Members, Board of Trustees:

RENAMING OF PROFESSORSHIP IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF PLEDGE

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve a request from the Department of Behavioral Science in the College of Medicine to rename the Professorship in Behavioral Science to the Dr. William R. Willard Professorship in Behavioral Science. Further, the department requests that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$50,000 from the Kentucky Medical Services Foundation, Inc. to the Willard Professorship and submit this pledge of \$50,000 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.

<u>Background</u>: This professorship will honor Dr. William R. Willard, founding dean of the College of Medicine and the university's first Medical Center Vice President. Dr. Willard, who earned his medical degree and doctorate of public health from Yale University in 1934 and 1937, respectively, came to Kentucky from the State University of New York (SUNY) in 1956. Upon his retirement in 1972, he received the Association of American Medical Colleges' highest award, the prestigious Abraham Flexner Award, in recognition of "his extraordinary contributions to medical schools and to the medical education community as a whole."