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Office of the President
March 5, 2002

Members, Board of Trustees:

GIFTS AND PLEDGES FOR HORTICULTURE RESEARCH FUND

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept gifts and pledges totaling \$50,000 to create and endow the Robert E. McNiel Endowed Research Fund in the Department of Horticulture in the College of Agriculture.

Background: The primary donor is Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA) of Herndon, Virginia, which contributed \$26,244. Dr. Dewayne L. Ingram of Lexington, Kentucky, has made a contingency pledge of \$23,756. Dr. Ingram will pay the \$23,756 if that amount has not been raised by December, 2006, or he will pay the difference between the \$23,756 and the amount that is raised by that date. This fund honors horticulture faculty member, Dr. Robert E. McNiel for his many years of service to the horticulture department and the University, to ALCA and to the horticulture industry. The \$50,000 in gifts and pledges is eligible for matching funds from the state's Research Challenge Trust Fund.

Action Taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____