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Office of the President
October 26, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

DR. HELEN THACKER HILL GIFT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a gift of \$50,000 from Helen Thacker Hill of Milledgeville, Georgia, to create and endow the James Arvle Thacker Fund in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling in the College of Education.

In accordance with the Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines, the Board of Trustees acknowledges that it has primary responsibility for the implementation of the Endowment Match Program and is responsible for providing oversight of all endowment funds.

Background: The James Arvle Thacker Fund, named in honor of the donor's father, will create fellowships to support student research in the Master's Degree Web Based Rehabilitation Program in the College of Education's Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling. Helen Thacker Hill, a generous supporter of the College of Education, is director of support services for students with special needs at Georgia College and State University. A native of Pikeville, Hill earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from UK and her doctorate from Oklahoma State University. The gift and pledge are eligible for matching funds from the state's Research Challenge Trust Fund.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____