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Office of the President
December 3, 2024

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACCEPTANCE OF CHARITABLE GIFT FROM
THE ESTATE OF HERBERT MASSEY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a charitable gift totaling $1,476,264 from the Estate of Herbert Massey to support the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (M-G CAFE), College of Nursing (CON), and UK Markey Cancer Center (MCC). Other gifts from the estate have established and/or supported existing endowment funds including the: “Carol Mayer Memorial Nursing Endowment” in the CON; the “Jeannine Massey Fund” in the M-G CAFE; the “Herbert Massey Research Support Fund” in the M-G CAFE; the “Jeannine B. Massey Memorial Endowment” in the MCC; and the “College of Agriculture Study Abroad Fund” in the M-G CAFE.

Background: Herbert F. Massey, Jr. earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Tennessee in 1949, his master of science degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1950, and his doctor of philosophy from the University of Wisconsin in 1952. An Army Air Corps navigator during World War II, Dr. Massey later joined the University of Kentucky faculty in what is now the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Dr. Massey served UK for approximately 40 years as a soil and crop production specialist, and traveled the world, helping farmers and governments to grow crops. Through his life’s work, he enabled countries to maximize their land so that they could be more self-sustaining.

In June 2019, Herb died at the age of 93. His beloved wife Jeannine passed away at UK’s Markey Cancer Center in 2005. The couple left a large portion of their combined estate to the University, adding to the gifts given during their lifetimes, to support scholarships, student travel abroad, research, faculty funding, and student support in the M-G CAFE, CON and MCC.

Action taken: ☑ Approved ❑ Disapproved ❑ Other _____