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Office of the President
September 16, 2022

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM JANICE L. BRANNON
IN SUPPORT OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a gift totaling approximately \$3,100,000 (the “Gift”) from Janice L. Brannon, with \$100,000 of the Gift used to establish and support a new non-endowed research fund named the “Douglas and Jane Leach Equine Research Honorary Fund” in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the remainder of the Gift (currently estimated at \$3,000,000) to establish and support a new endowed fund named the “Endowment for Promoting International Agricultural Awareness and Involvement: A Memorial to Russell H. Brannon and Daughter Paula” in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Department of Agricultural Economics, or its successor department/area.

Background: Janice L. Brannon wishes to establish an endowed international engagement fund in memory of her husband, Dr. Russell H. Brannon (1931-2020) and their daughter Paula L. Brannon (1962-1999). Mrs. Brannon earned a bachelor’s degree in French and Spanish from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley and graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts in Art Education. Mrs. Brannon also wishes to establish a non-endowed equine research fund in honor of family friends Dr. Douglas H. Leach and Jane Leach. In 1990, the Leach family moved to Kentucky and Dr. Leach joined the university faculty. Dr. Leach tragically passed away at the age of 56; however, his research and publications provided a solid foundation for other researchers in the equine veterinary science field.

The “Douglas and Jane Leach Equine Research Honorary Fund” will support research on equine safety and the welfare of the horse. The “Endowment for Promoting International Agricultural Awareness and Involvement: A Memorial to Russell H. Brannon and Daughter Paula” will provide Department of Agricultural Economics faculty, staff, and graduate and undergraduate students with resources needed to develop and foster international relationships, enhance research, create curriculum and encourage participation in extension and education abroad opportunities.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other