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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

AMENDMENT TO COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY RESEARCH CHALLENGE TRUST FUND (RCTF) AND ENDOWMENT MATCH PROGRAM SUPPORT FUND, THE "DR. CLAIRE LOUISE CAUDILL ENDOWED CHAIR IN FAMILY MEDICINE"

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approves an amendment to revise the selection criteria, affirm the elevation and change the name of the "Dr. Claire Louise Caudill Endowed Chair in Family Medicine" endowment in the College of Medicine, and acknowledges its responsibility for UK's participation in and implementation of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Research Challenge Trust Fund (RCTF) program. This amendment will be reported to the Council on Post-Secondary Education, which provides guidelines and oversight of all RCTF endowment funds participating in the endowment match program.

Background: Lucille Caudill Little, a patron of the arts, a vocal performer and a teacher, along with her husband, W. Paul Little, a businessman and thoroughbred breeder, established the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Foundation in 1993. Following Lucille's death, her nephew Charles A. Caudill served as President, while another of Lucille's nephews, B. Proctor "Proc" Caudill, served as Vice President. Under their leadership, the foundation and the University entered agreements in 1996 and 2009 to establish the endowed professorship fund named the "Dr. Claire Louise Caudill Professorship in Family Medicine" in what is now the Department of Family and Community Medicine in the College of Medicine. Since the establishment of the fund, this Board of Trustees has twice recommended that the Commonwealth of Kentucky match certain pledges to the Fund with RCTF matching funds. The recommendations of the Board were duly accepted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The current contributions to the Fund exceed $1,483,980, which includes $741,880 from the RCTF.

This amendment honors the legacy of Dr. Claire Caudill, Lucille's sister, and expands the pool of faculty scholars and clinicians who will carry forward Claire's legacy of improving the quality of life for Kentuckians through the practice of family medicine.

In addition to the professorship in the College of Medicine, the foundation also funded the Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library at the University, which holds collections in architecture, art, dance, interior design, music, performing arts, photography and much more. It is also the home of the John Jacob Niles Center for American Music, which includes the Niles Gallery and the Niles Reading Room.

Action taken: ☑ Approved ❑ Disapproved ❑ Other _____