

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

NANCY L. ZIMPHER

- WHEREAS, Nancy L. Zimpher has dedicated herself for five years to cultivating and making demonstrated progress toward achieving a vision for the future of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as one of the nation's premier urban research universities as UWM's sixth chancellor; and
- WHEREAS, Zimpher has revitalized UWM as one of the region's preeminent economic, social and academic drivers through "The Milwaukee Idea," which has forged unprecedented university-community partnerships that enhance the quality of life for all; and
- WHEREAS, Zimpher has made numerous contributions toward improving education and education research, notably as co-chair of the nationally recognized Milwaukee Partnership Academy, an urban PK-16 council through which UWM is helping to lead the way to close the achievement gap for Milwaukee Public Schools children and supply high-quality teachers to Milwaukee's classrooms; and
- WHEREAS, Zimpher has paved the way for UWM to further build its academic and resource bases, having expanded enrollment, strengthened graduate education, and made dramatic gains in extramural funding, creating a new, private fund-raising infrastructure and achieving a 67 percent growth in federal funding over five years; and
- WHEREAS, Zimpher nurtured the beginnings of TechStar, a growing tech-transfer partnership among Milwaukee-area public and private institutions, and UWM's College Connection, which expands UWM's reach by offering bachelor degrees on UW Colleges and technical college campuses; and
- WHEREAS, Zimpher's role extends beyond the boundaries of the university to include service on and chairwomanships of several civic boards and commissions, including the Wisconsin State Superintendent's Blue Ribbon Commission of the Arts and Education, campaigns for the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, the Lynde and Harry Bradley School of Technology and Trade Commission, and former Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson's Task Force on Technical Education; and
- WHEREAS, Zimpher has been recognized as a national leader in higher education, chairing the Commission on International Programs for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and most recently, winning the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District Five CEO award for 2003; and
- WHEREAS, Zimpher's genuine, creative leadership has prepared UW-Milwaukee for a bright, boundless future, and leaves the city having made a positive, enduring impact on the true fulfillment of the Wisconsin Idea through the Milwaukee Idea;
- BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents highly commends and extends its deep gratitude to Nancy L. Zimpher for her significant accomplishments and lasting legacy, and wishes her well as she returns home to Ohio to continue her career as President of the University of Cincinnati.

Toby E. Marcovich
President of the UW Board of Regents

Madison, Wisconsin
This Fifth day of September
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