

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

ANN M. LYDECKER

- WHEREAS, Ann M. Lydecker was a highly respected and graceful leader; a talented and dedicated educator; and a woman of extraordinary compassion, radiant warmth and generous spirit; and
- WHEREAS, Lydecker served admirably for three years as the 14th chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls; and was the first woman to serve in that role in the campus' 130-year history; and
- WHEREAS, through genuine enthusiasm and unwavering commitment to improving lives through education, Ann elevated the stature and scope of UW-River Falls, where she inspired faculty, staff and countless students to continually pursue their passions and reach their fullest potential; and
- WHEREAS, Lydecker contributed significantly to the university's role in regional economic and cultural development through work with organizations including the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment and the River Falls Economic Development Corporation; and
- WHEREAS, in addition to her service as chancellor, Lydecker's lifelong commitment to education included roles as a sixth-grade teacher; an assistant and associate professor of education at Gustavus Adolphus College; professor and chair of the Curriculum and Instruction Department at Minnesota State University-Mankato; founding dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies and provost and vice president for academic affairs at Bridgewater State College; and
- WHEREAS, Lydecker was active in local, state and national educational organizations, helping to chart the future of the UW System, enhance educational excellence, and ensure a more seamless educational system; and
- WHEREAS, Ann's contributions to higher education, UW-River Falls, the University of Wisconsin System, the St. Croix Valley region, the state and the nation are immeasurable; and
- WHEREAS, we lost a valued colleague, an inspiring role model, a vibrant leader and beloved friend when Ann Lydecker died in an auto accident on March 25, 2004;
- BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that as the university community remembers Chancellor Ann M. Lydecker, her many contributions, and her gracious, welcoming smile, the Board of Regents extends its deepest sympathy to Ann's husband, sons, grandsons, and family; recognizes Ann's many achievements; and pledges to sustain her legacy of excellence, commitment and compassion.

Toby E. Marcovich
President of the UW Board of Regents

Madison, Wisconsin
This Second Day of April
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