

BOARD OF REGENTS

Resolution:

WHEREAS, Margaret S. Lewis has earned wide recognition and respect during her career in public service roles in the University of Wisconsin System and the state of Wisconsin, serving with honor, integrity, and distinction for nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, as Associate Vice President for University Relations, Margaret has been a trusted adviser to the president, vice presidents, chancellors, and the Board of Regents as she managed public and government relations efforts for the UW System; and

WHEREAS, Margaret has honorably and vigorously represented the UW System's interests to Wisconsin's elected officials, drawing upon her years of experience to promote beneficial legislation, and to work with stakeholders to ensure the university's success; and

WHEREAS, Margaret's accomplishments include leading campaigns to ensure the best possible biennial budgets with state support for the UW System, recognizing the opportunity for a UW System federal relations program, and managing legislative communications about complex state matters, including collective bargaining, tuition and fees, services to veterans, and employee benefits and salaries; and

WHEREAS, Margaret sought a higher level of coordination among the UW's legislative liaisons and public information officers around the state toward ensuring more-cohesive representation of all UW System institutions; and

WHEREAS, Margaret was elected to three terms as a Representative of the 38th District in the Wisconsin State Assembly, where from 1985 to 1991, she was a proud supporter and advocate for the UW System, and was the first Wisconsin legislator to propose that new faculty and academic staff become immediately eligible for employer contributions toward health insurance, legislation she was instrumental in helping to pass during her service to the university; and

WHEREAS, Margaret is a skilled diplomat who has combined her passion for education, her legislative experience, and her political expertise to successfully build bridges between academia, politics, and Wisconsin communities in the true spirit of the Wisconsin Idea;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System offers its most sincere gratitude to Margaret S. Lewis for her service and dedication to the University of Wisconsin System and the state of Wisconsin, and wishes her well in future endeavors.

David G. Walsh
President of the UW Board of Regents

Madison, Wisconsin
This Eighth Day of December
Two Thousand and Six