## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

## ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

Naming of the Ice Rink at Yost Ice Arena

Action

Requested:

Authorization to name the Yost Ice Arena Ice Rink

## Background:

Gordon "Red" Berenson came to the University of Michigan first as a student-athlete and later as its head ice hockey coach for 33 seasons. Coach Berenson received both a Bachelor's degree (1962) and Master of Business Administration degree (1966) from the University of Michigan. As a student-athlete, he was a two-time All American and the 1962 WCHA Most Valuable Player and team captain. Following graduation, his NHL career spanned 17 years and included winning the Stanley Cup as a member of the Montreal Canadiens in 1965 and 1966. He went on to coach in the NHL for three years and was named the Jack Adams Award winner (NHL Coach of the Year) in 1981.

Upon returning to Michigan in 1984 as the head ice hockey coach, Coach Berenson immediately brought Michigan hockey back to the forefront of the NCAA. His numerous achievements include:

- Two national championships (1996, 1998)
- 21 Conference titles
- A record 22 consecutive, and 23 overall NCAA appearances
- 11 Frozen Four appearances
- 17 Great Lakes Invitational championships
- Fourth on the all-time NCAA Ice Hockey Coach's Win List with a record of 848-426-92 (.654)
- Two Hobey Baker Memorial Award winners (Brendan Morrison-1997, Kevin Porter-2008)
- Spencer Penrose National Coach of the Year (2008)
- Two-time CCHA Coach of the Year (1994, 2008)
- B1G Ten Coach of the Year (2016)
- 140 Academic All B1G Ten honorees and five Big Ten Distinguished Scholars
- Led and continues to assist with efforts to endow all Michigan Ice Hockey Scholarships resulting in current financial commitments exceeding \$20M.

In recognition of his exceptional commitment to the development of hundreds of young men, to collegiate hockey, and to the University of Michigan, we recommend that the Board of Regents formally designate the ice rink at Yost Ice Arena as the Red Berenson Rink.

Respectfully submitted,

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