ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Building Naming

Action Requested: Authorization to name the Women’s Hospital in honor of the late Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander

Background:

The University of Michigan has received a gift of $15 million from the Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation for the benefit of the University of Michigan Women’s Hospital. This historic capital contribution for women’s health is the largest gift ever given to the University in the area of obstetrics and gynecology, and maternal health. It will be used to support construction of the new children’s hospital and women’s hospital.

Gwen Haggerty, the president of the Foundation, and daughter of Jane and the adoptive daughter of Ted, has made this gift to honor her own motherhood of three children and the memory of Jane and Ted who met in Ann Arbor. Ted built Discount Tire retail stores into the largest independent dealership in the world. Both Ted and Jane loved the University and have made gifts in support of the Health System. After Ted died, Jane and Gwen made a gift of $2 million for the new children’s hospital to honor his name.

In recognition of this exceptional generosity to support construction of the new children’s hospital and women’s hospital, and to honor a gift of historic size and importance, we recommend that the Regents formally designate the women’s hospital at the University of Michigan as the Von Voigtlander Women’s Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

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