## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

## **ACTION REQUEST**

Approved by the Regents May 14, 2009

Subject:

**Building Naming** 

Action

Requested: Authorization to name the Biomedical Science Research Building auditorium in

honor of D. Dan and Betty Kahn

## Background:

The University of Michigan (U-M) has received a gift of \$5 million from D. Dan Kahn of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, through the D. Dan and Betty Kahn Foundation, for cardiovascular medical engineering research and for medical research facilities.

The gift will be used initially to establish the D. Dan and Betty Kahn Cardiovascular Medical Engineering Research Fund to support collaborative research by physicians, scientists and engineers doing promising work in biomedicine and bioengineering at the U-M and Technion University (Israel). Through D. Dan Kahn's vision these two world-class institutions will come together to carry out research into cardiovascular disease.

Mr. Kahn has been a longtime friend of the university, and his vision for providing the finest medical care and research is helping to make a difference in the lives of thousands. He has made other generous gifts, including a gift to the U-M Health System's Cardiovascular Center. With this gift, his cumulative giving to the Health System has reached \$6 million.

In recognition of this significant commitment from D. Dan and Betty Kahn, <u>we</u> recommend that the Board of Regents formally designate the Biomedical Science Research Building auditorium, prominently located at the gateway to the U-M Health System campus, the D. Dan and Betty Kahn auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

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