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Members, Board of Trustees

CHANCELLOR EMERITUS BE CONFERRED UPON  
JAMES W. HOLSINGER, JR., M.D., PH.D.

Recommendation: that James W. Holsinger, Jr., M.D., Ph.D. be named Chancellor Emeritus in recognition of his long service and dedication to the University of Kentucky.

Background: In 1994, Dr. Holsinger was appointed Chancellor for the Medical Center. Prior to his appointment at the University of Kentucky, he served for more than 26 years in the US Department of Veterans Affairs culminating his federal career with his appointment by President George H. W. Bush as Undersecretary for Health and Chief Medical Director of the Veterans Health Administration in 1990. At the time of his appointment as Chancellor, Dr. Holsinger was serving as the Director of the Lexington VA Medical Center. Dr. Holsinger also served for nearly 32 years in the US Army Reserve, retiring with the rank of Major General at the end of his last assignment as Assistant to the Director for Logistics, The Joint Staff, During the Persian Gulf War of 1991. As Chancellor, Dr. Holsinger worked to expand and extend the three core missions of an academic health center. Academically, the colleges and degree-granting centers of the Chandler Medical Center developed a variety of new graduate and professional degree programs. The research mission of the Medical Center expanded from \$35million to more than \$100 million. The clinical programs continued to develop with the creation of the Gill Heart Institute and the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery. Dr. Holsinger continued to teach in the College of Medicine's Patient, Physician, and Society course for first and second year medical students. In the community, he has served on the boards of the YMCA, United Fund, Good Samaritan Foundation, and Asbury Theological Seminary. The Governor of the Commonwealth appointed him as a member of the Telehealth Board of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Action taken:  Approved  Disapproved  Other \_\_\_\_\_