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Office of the President
June 13, 2006

Members, Board of Trustees:

DR. HELEN THACKER HILL PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$50,000 from Dr. Helen Thacker Hill of Milledgeville, Georgia to create and endow the Della Marie Johnson Endowed Research Fund in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling in the College of Education and submit this pledge of \$50,000 for matching funds from Kentucky's Endowment Match Program. Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines require that the Board of Trustees acknowledge its responsibility for UK's participation in the program and for all university endowment funds.

Background: Helen Thacker Hill, a generous supporter of the College of Education, is Director of Support Services and serves students with special needs at Georgia State College and State University. A native of Pikeville, Dr. Hill earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from UK and her doctorate from Oklahoma State University. The Della Marie Johnson Endowed Research Fund, named in honor of Dr. Hill's sister, will be used to provide support for pilot research projects that address traumatic brain injury and cognitive impairments.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other_____