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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESS OF KENTUCKY
BE CONFERRED UPON KENNETH CHERRY

Recommendation: that the title of Director Emeritus of the University Press of Kentucky be conferred upon Kenneth Cherry in recognition of his long service and dedication to the University Press of Kentucky.

Background: In 1978, Mr. Cherry was named the second Director of the University Press of Kentucky since its inception in 1969. The University Press of Kentucky is a consortium that includes the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, Morehead State University, Eastern Kentucky State University, Western Kentucky State University, Kentucky State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky State University, Bellarmine University, Transylvania University, Berea College, Centre College, the Kentucky Historical Society, and the Filson Club Historical Society in Louisville. In 1978 when Mr. Cherry was named Director, the University Press of Kentucky then had a staff of 19 employees and published between 23 and 26 titles a year. In fiscal year 2000-01, the University Press grew to a staff of 22 and it now publishes 60 titles a year. Those titles include The Encyclopedia of Kentucky, the Kentucky Atlas, and the Encyclopedia of Louisville among many others.

In his role as Director, Mr. Cherry also established the Thomas D. Clark Endowment and was responsible for raising \$2.4 million in funds for the Endowment. The Endowment income ensures publication of several items a year.

Mr. Cherry has distinguished himself and brought great distinction to the University of Kentucky and the Commonwealth of Kentucky during his tenure as Director of the University Press of Kentucky. After 23 years of service, Mr. Cherry retired on June 30, 2001.

Action Taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____