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Office of the President
December 10, 2002

Members, Board of Trustees:

DR. HELEN THACKER HILL GIFT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a gift of \$50,000 from Dr. Helen Thacker Hill of Milledgeville, Georgia, to create and endow the Arvle and Ellen Turner Thacker Endowment Fund in the College of Education for graduate student fellowships and to support the research of assistant professors.

In accordance with the Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines, the Board of Trustees acknowledges that it has primary responsibility for the implementation of the Endowment Match Program and is responsible for providing oversight of all endowment funds.

Background: Helen Thacker Hill, a generous supporter of the College of Education, is director of support services for students with special needs at Georgia College & State University. A native of Pikeville, Hill earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from UK and her doctorate from Oklahoma State University. She has served as assistant dean of women at Oklahoma State, dean of women and associate dean of students at West Virginia Institute of Technology, and director of commuter student affairs at the University of Massachusetts. The gift is eligible for matching funds from the state's Research Challenge Trust Fund. The endowment is named in honor of the donor's parents.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____