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Office of the President
January 22, 2002

Members, Board of Trustees:

THOMAS AND SUSAN LESTER PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$50,000 from Thomas and Susan Lester of Lexington, Kentucky, to create and endow the Donald and Gertrude Lester Professorship in Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering.

Background: Thomas Lester, a mechanical engineer, is dean of the College of Engineering. The Lesters are establishing the professorship to memorialize his late father, Donald, and to honor his mother, Gertrude. He was named dean in 1990 after serving in academic leadership positions at Louisiana State University and Kansas State University. The pledge was made in January, 2002 and will be fulfilled with annual payments of \$10,000 starting in 2002 with the last payment due in December, 2006. This pledge is eligible for matching funds from the state's Research Challenge Trust Fund.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____