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Office of the President June 13, 2006

Members, Board of Trustees:

GIFTS AND PLEDGES TO THE THOMAS C. ROBINSON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP ENDOWMENT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept gifts of \$52,850 and pledges of \$18,110 from the family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Thomas C. Robinson to create and endow the Thomas C. Robinson Graduate Fellowship Endowment Fund in the College of Health Sciences and submit these gifts and pledges of \$70,960 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.

<u>Background</u>: Dr. Robinson served as Dean of the College of Health Sciences for twenty years before stepping down in December 2004. During his tenure as Dean, Dr. Robinson provided outstanding leadership that allowed the college to become recognized and respected as one of the best in the nation. In keeping with the university's land-grant mission, many of the graduate programs have been designed to prepare academic leaders and master clinicians to meet the needs of Kentucky's healthcare industries, which in turn lead to a healthier future for the citizens of the Commonwealth. The endowment will be used to provide fellowship support for these future leaders and will create a lasting legacy for a dedicated academic leader.

Action taken:	☐ Approved	☐ Disapproved	Other	