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Office of the President April 24, 2007

Members, Board of Trustees:

## JOHN R. LEININGER AND FLORENCE A. LEININGER PLEDGE

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$50,000 from John R. Leininger and Florence A. Leininger of Lexington, Kentucky to create and endow the Robert Lynn Leininger Endowed Professorship in the College of Design 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.

<u>Background</u>: John R. Leininger and Florence A. Leininger are the son and wife of Robert Lynn Leininger, who passed away in 2006. He founded Leininger Woodworking and Cabinetry in 1950. Mr. Leininger received a degree in Furniture Design from the Rochester Institute of Technology and served on the Board of Directors for the Architectural Woodworking Institute. This endowment, created in his memory, will advance research and education in furniture design and craftsmanship and will be a resource for professionals and industry leaders in the design, manufacturing, and marketing of furniture and other architectural products.