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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

NAMING OF BUILDING – JOE CRAFT CENTER

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve naming the new basketball practice facility the Joe Craft Center.

Background: Joseph W. Craft III was born in Hazard, Kentucky and graduated from Hazard High School in 1968. He received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree and a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky.

“I’m from Kentucky, so I understand that the University of Kentucky athletic program means a great deal to the people of the state,” Craft said. “Athletics plays a big part in the development of young people, and I believe strongly in the work currently being done by the coaches, staff, and student-athletes at UK.”

Mr. Craft developed a friendship with Orlando “Tubby” Smith while Coach Smith was at the University of Tulsa. The two have remained friends throughout the years. Mr. Craft is the largest donor to the University of Kentucky athletic program.

The Committee on Naming University Buildings has reviewed the request and found it to be in compliance with university policy AR II-1.1-6 and unanimously recommended approval of this name change. Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____