

RESOLUTION

CHERYLYN G. MURER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS Cherylyn G. Murer has faithfully served as a member of the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees since 2005; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2013, Cherylyn G. Murer completed her fourth term as Chair of the Board of Trustees since 2007; and

WHEREAS, Cherylyn G. Murer is the first Trustee in the history of the Board of Trustees to have been elected to a third and fourth term as Board Chair (non-consecutive as specified in the Board's *Bylaws*); and

WHEREAS, Cherylyn G. Murer has also served the Board in the position of Vice Chair; Chair of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee; Chair of the Legislation, Audit, External Affairs and Compliance Committee (as of August 15, 2013, Legislation and External Affairs Committee); a member of the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee; and a past Liaison to the NIU Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Cherylyn G. Murer has invested significant amounts of valuable time and energy in service to the Board of Trustees and the students, faculty, staff and administration at Northern Illinois University for over eight years as a previous member of the NIU Foundation Board of Directors, the NIU College of Law Steering Committee and Board of Visitors, and as adjunct faculty for the NIU College of Business Mastery Certificate for Health Care Professionals; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2011 Trustee Murer (Class of 1978) and her husband Michael Murer, generously funded a Lecture Series on Professionalism within the legal profession for the NIU College of Law that features nationally recognized legal practitioners and scholars in response to the growing recognition that law students (and lawyers) need more guidance in professionalism to further the highest values of the profession; and

WHEREAS, Cherylyn G. Murer led the Board of Trustees and the university through a successful search for the twelfth president of the university, Dr. Douglas D. Baker, who assumed the Office of the Presidency on July 1, 2013 and will be officially inaugurated on November 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, following her fourth term as Chair, the Board of Trustees elected Cherylyn G. Murer to serve as the fourth Member of the Board's Executive Committee, and she has been further appointed Chair of the Legislation and External Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition and respect for her championing of the research enterprise at NIU, Cherylyn G. Murer has been appointed to chair the Board's first ad hoc committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Sponsored Research Activity and Technology Transfer; and

WHEREAS, we as her colleagues on the Board of Trustees want to express our appreciation for her years of service to the NIU community and especially her leadership of the Board from 2007-2009 and 2011-2013, and look forward to Cherylyn G. Murer's continued service to the Board, faculty, staff, students and administration through at least January 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University in formal meeting herein assembled extends its grateful appreciation to Cherylyn G. Murer for her distinguished service to Northern Illinois University as Chair of the Board of Trustees from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009 and September 15, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this **RESOLUTION** be presented to Cherylyn G. Murer and a copy of this document be placed in the official files of the Board of Trustees as part of the permanent record of the university and the great State of Illinois and as a lasting tribute to the accomplishments of Cherylyn G. Murer.

Adopted in a regular meeting assembled this **19th** day of **September, 2013**.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

John R. Butler
Chair

Attest: *Wheeler G. Coleman*
Secretary

