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MEMORANDUM

April 28, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor

SUBJECT: Initial Approval 2025-2026 Honorary Degree Nominee

Action Requested

The proposed resolution authorizes the initial approval of the proposed honorary degree candidate nominated in the 2025-2026 academic year, allowing invitations for receipt of honorary degrees to be extended to this individual.

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Resolved that the honorary degree candidate approved by the University-wide Honorary Degree Committee (“Committee”) and supported by the Chancellor, as set forth in a document on file with the Office of the Secretary of the University, be, and hereby is, initially approved, allowing an invitation for the receipt of an honorary degree to be extended to this individual on behalf of the Chancellor and SUNY Trustees, consistent with the *Guidelines for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees*, as amended June 2018.

Background

Consistent with the *Guidelines for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees*, the initial approval of honorary degree candidates by the Board of Trustees grants the nominating entity (generally a campus president) authority to extend invitations to approved candidates. Candidates who accept campus invitations are subject to further review by the Chancellor before authority will be granted to confer the honorary degrees.