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MEMORANDUM

September 16, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

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

SUBJECT: Naming of a Building at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations

Action Requested

The proposed resolution names the Schneur Hall at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations

Resolution

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

Resolved that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Eugene Schneur, the naming of Schneur Hall at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations is, hereby, approved.

Background

The School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) currently resides in multiple adjacent buildings occupying over 200,000 square feet, four of which are named Ives Hall after former Cornell Trustee Irving M. Ives – who was a principal sponsor of the legislation establishing the School and served as the School's first Dean. Pursuant to campus policies and procedures, ILR wishes to rename the current Ives Faculty Building (55,000 square feet) which is used to house faculty, academic, and administrative offices.

Eugene (Gene) Schneur attended ILR as a pre-law student, then earned his J.D. at Cardozo Law School and went to work as a mergers and acquisitions

attorney at Olshan Grundman Frome et al. In 2005, Mr. Schneur and retired Major League Baseball star Maurice (Mo) Vaughn co-founded OmniNY, an affordable housing firm. OmniNY grew to be a large owner, developer, and management firm, with tens of thousands of units in states across the country. In 2021, OmniNY was acquired for \$2 billion. Mr. Schneur guest-lectures in classes on negotiation, and more recently has given lectures to the ILR High Road NYC fellows on affordable housing. Mr. Schneur joined the ILR Advisory Council in 2023. He and his wife, Anna, a retired nutritionist, have three children; the eldest two are both ILR students.