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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

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

SUBJECT: Naming of a Common Space at the State University of New York at Stony Brook

Action Requested

The proposed resolution renames the GLS/HDV Center as the Alan S. deVries Center at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Resolution

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

Whereas, Alan S. deVries dedicated four decades of his distinguished career to the State University of New York at Stony Brook, working on issues related to student life and student housing; and

Whereas, as an undergraduate, Mr. deVries served as a Resident Assistant in Hand College, laying the foundation for his student-centered philosophy. In August 1981, his first full-time role was as the Residence Hall Director in James College. He eventually earned the rank of Director of Housing Administration; and

Whereas, Mr. DeVries has had a measurable professional impact on the campus by expanding the University's housing footprint by over 3,500 beds during his tenure in Campus Residences, significantly increasing the institution's capacity to serve its growing student body; in addition, he created gender-inclusive housing and supported housing-insecure students and students

who had aged out of the foster care system in New York State, ensuring the university provided a caring community and a home for its most vulnerable members; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that, in recognition of his lifetime achievements and contributions to advance the mission of the university, the Alan S. deVries Center at the State University of New York at Stony Brook is hereby named.

Background

Mr. deVries is a proud alumnus of the Classes of 1980 and 1987. He consistently produced work of outstanding quality, dedicating himself to the needs and emergencies that are part of a 24/7 housing operation. Mr. deVries' influence extended far beyond the scope of what the position required, as he was instrumental in shaping campus traditions, including the Welcome Wagon Program and the creation of the Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band.

When Mr. deVries received the Steel Magnolia Student Life Award in May 2017, he stated a hope that he "made a difference in the lives of our students and the University community as a whole."