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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 Research Laboratory at the State University of New York at Stony Brook

Action Requested

The proposed resolution names the Wexler Research Laboratory at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Resolution

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

Whereas Peter L. Wexler is a distinguished alumnus of Stony Brook University's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and a nationally recognized engineering and technology leader, whose career includes founding and leading innovative companies, advancing wireless and software technologies, and serving in senior executive and advisory roles across academia and industry; and

Whereas Mr. Wexler and Stony Brook University share a vision to develop the new Multidisciplinary Engineering Building as a cornerstone facility designed to foster interdisciplinary research, hands-on learning, and technological innovation; and

Whereas Mr. Wexler is committed to a profound belief in the power of public research universities to educate engineers, fuel

discovery, and address complex global challenges; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Peter L. Wexler, the Wexler Research Laboratory in the planned Multidisciplinary Engineering Building is hereby named.

Background

Peter L. Wexler is a 1977 alumnus of the State University of New York at Stony Brook who earned his B.E. in Electrical Engineering before continuing his studies to receive an M.S. in Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago and an M.B.A. from Boston University. A seasoned technology executive and entrepreneur, Mr. Wexler is President of Forest Avenue Technology Group, a firm specializing in software development and IT consulting. He is also the co-founder of Spidercloud Wireless, a leading provider of scalable small-cell network platforms acquired by Corning in 2017. Under Mr. Wexler's leadership, Spidercloud earned multiple industry accolades and was ranked #5 in *The Wall Street Journal's* "Next Big Thing" list in 2012. Mr. Wexler previously served as Vice President of Engineering at Stoke and Juniper Networks and continues to shape the tech landscape as a board member and investor in ventures like Stardust GG, a metaverse gaming platform, and Glynt.ai, which applies machine learning to unstructured data.

Mr. Wexler has served on Boston University's board of trustees, as well as serving as a member of its Questrom School of Business' Dean's Advisory Board, and on the University of Illinois Chicago's College of Engineering Advisory Board.