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**MEMORANDUM**

**April 28, 2026**

**TO: Members of the Board of Trustees**

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

**SUBJECT: Naming of an Endowed Scholarship at the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo**

**Action Requested**

The proposed resolution names the Svein Øie and Barbara Woodruff Scholarship at the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

**Resolution**

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

**Whereas** Dr. Svein Øie earned his PhD in pharmaceutical sciences from UB in 1975 and went on to devote 22 years as a faculty member at the University of California, San Francisco, where he held leadership roles in the School of Pharmacy and achieved national recognition for his research in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics;

**Whereas** in 2000, Dr. Øie was appointed the 10th Dean of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, where he had a transformative tenure that expanded the College's statewide presence and strengthened its academic reputation; and

**Whereas** Dr. Øie was recognized in the U.S. Congressional Record in 2018 for his service and contributions to the University of Georgia and the pharmacy profession; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Svein Øie and Barbara Woodruff, the Svein Øie and Barbara Woodruff Scholarship at the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is hereby named.

### **Background**

During Dr. Øie's tenure as dean at the University of Georgia's College of Pharmacy, he oversaw significant expansion and institutional development which included expanding enrollment and adding multiple satellite campuses across Georgia, improving statewide access to pharmacy education. He helped establish residency and fellowship training opportunities and broaden experiential learning through an expanded network of volunteer clinical faculty. Under Dr. Øie's leadership, the college created the Center for Drug Discovery, with the stated purpose of developing new therapeutics for serious and previously incurable diseases.

Dr. Øie's professional work also includes consulting in pharmacokinetics and drug development for pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in the United States and Europe in addition to patent evaluation and assessment.