

**University of Washington
Board of Regents
Resolution of Appreciation to
Benjamin B. Golden**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Washington state law, Governor Chris Gregoire appointed second-year law student Ben Golden, to serve the prescribed one-year term, from August 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010, as the student member of the University of Washington Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, as a 2007 alumnus of the University of Washington, graduating *magna cum laude* with honors in political science and being elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, he brought to his Regental responsibilities a deep appreciation and affection for his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, through his active involvement in student life, including serving as Director of Government Relations for the Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW), a columnist for *The Daily*, and in residence hall governance, he has demonstrated his exceptional leadership skills and contributed significantly to the enhancement of student life at the University; and

WHEREAS, he has served the Board with great distinction, admirably representing the students of the University and bringing to his work on the Board the perspective of an extremely knowledgeable, thoughtful, policy-driven and informed student, thoroughly committed to the pursuit of excellence and to wise decision-making; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated throughout his year of service on the Board a deep commitment to student engagement and to the importance of communicating with all students about the work of the Board and the issues before it, making him an especially effective, respected, and approachable Regent; and

WHEREAS, his political acumen and deep commitment to social justice and opportunity and the importance of ensuring that students from all walks of life have access to the University has helped further the University's public mission; and

WHEREAS, his intelligence, seriousness of purpose, strong work ethic, sensible judgment and good humor have made him an exemplary Regent, colleague, and friend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the members of the Board of Regents express to Ben Golden their gratitude on behalf of the entire University community, in particular the student body, and their own personal thanks for his outstanding service, dedication, and hard work, that we wish him continued success and happiness in all his endeavors, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board as a permanent record of the Board's sincere appreciation.