University of Washington Board of Regents Resolution of Appreciation to Kelsey E. Knowles

WHEREAS, in accordance with Washington state law, Governor Christine O. Gregoire appointed second-year Master in Public Administration student Kelsey E. Knowles to serve the prescribed one-year term, from July 5, 2011 to June 30, 2012, as the student member of the University of Washington Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, as a 2005 alumna of the University of Washington, majoring in Political Science, she brought to her Regental responsibilities a deep appreciation and affection for her alma mater; and

WHEREAS, through her active involvement in student life, serving as Senator to the Graduate and Professional Student Senate representing the Evans School of Public Affairs, as an officer for the Evans Student Organization, and as the President of the Associated Students of the University of Washington in 2004-2005, she demonstrated her commitment to civic engagement and her extraordinary leadership skills which contributed greatly to the quality of student life for all students at the University; and

WHEREAS, she has served the Board with skill and distinction, smartly representing the students of the University and bringing to her work on the Board the perspective of an experienced, thoughtful, well-informed and very well-prepared student, deeply committed to the University's values, especially access, opportunity, and excellence in all respects; and

WHEREAS, her political acumen and strong commitment to student engagement has helped further the University's public mission; and

WHEREAS, her judgment, intelligence, keen analytical skills, and her enthusiasm for service have contributed profoundly to the work of the Board and made her an exemplary Regent, an equal among equals and a true colleague and friend; and

WHEREAS, her calm demeanor, seriousness of purpose, exceptional communication skills and fundamental commitment to students have made her an exemplary colleague and Regent;

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