

**University of Washington  
Board of Regents  
Resolution of Appreciation to  
Bill Gates Sr.**

WHEREAS, William H. Gates has completed three terms as a member of the University of Washington Board of Regents, contributing nearly fifteen years of exemplary service to the Board, the University of Washington, and the citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, his extraordinary career in the practice of law, as well as his leadership in the profession—recognized by numerous awards from State of Washington and American Bar Associations and his being named the 1991 Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Washington School of Law—are tributes to the bachelor's and law degrees he earned from the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, his deep commitment to his community and his strong sense of civic responsibility are manifest in his serving on and leading boards and initiatives too numerous to cite in their entirety, but which include the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, King County United Way, the Seattle Foundation, Planned Parenthood Foundation, Seattle Repertory Theatre, the Seattle Symphony Foundation, founder of the Technology Alliance and of the Initiative for Global Development, as well as chairing the Seattle Public School Levy Campaign in 1971, and serving as the founding co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, his devotion to his alma mater has been exhibited in countless ways over the years, in service on the School of Law Visiting Committee, the UW Medical Center Board, the College of Arts & Sciences Visiting Committee, and the UW Foundation Board as Director for Life; and his unparalleled spirit of generosity led to his robust volunteer leadership as General Chair from 2001 to 2008 of the \$2.6 billion UW Campaign, "Creating Futures"; and

WHEREAS, he provided outstanding leadership to the Board of Regents, serving as chair of the Board in 1999-2000, and as chair, vice-chair and long-time member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, he is the patriarch of the First Family of the University, whose service and philanthropy in support of the University of Washington are unprecedented and unsurpassed, starting with his late wife three-term Regent Mary Maxwell Gates, serving on the Board with his daughter Regent Kristianne Blake, and culminating in the profoundly generous support from the entire Gates family and especially the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable intelligence and wisdom, his keen—almost uncanny—insight, and his capacious curiosity and spirit of inquiry have infused the deliberations of the Board with reason, facts, reliable information, and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, his unwavering and uncompromising fidelity to quality, especially quality in the educational experience of students, has helped set a standard for the University to which all may aspire and which is worthy of the very best minds comprising our students, faculty, and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members of the Board of Regents express to Bill Gates Sr. their sincere gratitude and abiding admiration on behalf of the entire University community, and their own personal thanks for his warm friendship, his passionate and loyal service, and his transformative and lasting contributions to the work of the Board—which has never seen his like and may never again—that we consider him a true friend, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents, in recognition of all of the foregoing and of Bill Gates Sr.’s extraordinary and enduring service as a Regent of the University, hereby confers upon him a title heretofore reserved for no other: Regent Emeritus of the University of Washington, effective October 1, 2012.