WHEREAS, in accordance with Washington state law, Governor Chris Gregoire appointed third-year law student Erin L. Lennon, to serve the prescribed one-year term, from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 as the student member of the University of Washington Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, as a 2002 alumna of the University of Washington, majoring in sociology and graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, she brought to her Regental responsibilities a deep appreciation and affection for her alma mater; and

WHEREAS, through her active involvement in student life, as a peer mentor, student ambassador, board member of Outlaws, the School of Law’s gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender student organization, and as managing editor of Washington Law Review, she has demonstrated her remarkable leadership skills and contributed to the enhancement of student life at the University; and

WHEREAS, she has served the Board with great distinction, admirably representing the students of the University and bringing to her work on the Board the perspective of a deeply thoughtful, well-prepared and informed student, thoroughly committed to the pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to students and keeping them informed and engaged with the work of the Board, particularly in bringing together the student body leadership of the three campuses and communicating with all students about issues of importance to them has made her an especially effective and approachable Regent; and

WHEREAS, her sincere commitment to the values of diversity and the importance of ensuring that students from all walks of life have the opportunity to attend the University has helped nurture a welcoming, open, and supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, her intelligence, seriousness of purpose, strong work ethic, superb judgment and engaging personality have made her an exemplary Regent, colleague, and friend;

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