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Luther Leonidas Terry, M.A.

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WHEREAS, members of this Board are aware of, and deeply saddened by, the death on March 29, 1985, of Luther Leonidas Terry, M.D., a native of Alabama and former Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Terry was born in Red Level, Alabama, in 1911, and received his B.S. degree from Birmingham Southern College in 1931 and his M.D. degree from Tulane University in 1935; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Terry interned at the Hillman Hospital, a founding unit of the University of Alabama Hospitals, and continued his training in internal medicine and pathology at the University and City Hospitals in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Terry had a long and distinguished career in academic medicine, serving on the faculties of Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Texas in Galveston, and The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, while affiliated with The Johns Hopkins University, he became a commissioned staff member of the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Baltimore and continued his relationship with the Public Health Service until 1965; and

WHEREAS, during this period he assumed increasing administrative responsibilities, including senior positions at the National Heart Institute of the National Institutes of Health, until 1961, when he was appointed Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service by President John F. Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the vigorous, continuing, and successful campaign to publicize the adverse effects of smoking on health was launched; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 he left Federal service to join the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as Vice President for Medical Affairs from 1965 to 1971 and as a member of the medical faculty until his death; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Terry's contributions have been recognized in the conferral of honorary doctorates upon him by seventeen institutions of higher learning, including Birmingham Southern College, The University of Alabama, Tulane University, McGill University, the University of Alaska, Marquette University, Jefferson Medical College, and Women's Medical College; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Alabama Academy of Honor; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to express its appreciation of Dr. Terry's lifelong efforts to promote good health, prevent disease, and improve the general welfare of all Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that it herewith express to the family of Luther Leonidas Terry, M.D., its sincere condolences on their loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent minutes of this Board and that copies be sent to members of Dr. Terry's family including his wife, Janet Reynolds Terry; his daughter, Jan Terry Kollock; and his sons, Luther Leonidas Terry and Michael Durham Terry.

The foregoing was adopted unanimously by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama at its meeting June 27, 1985.



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