Resolution Naming the New Truman College Administrative Building the Larry McKeon Administrative Building

WHEREAS, we are all deeply saddened by the loss of Representative Larry McKeon who passed away on May 13, 2008, at the age of 63.

WHEREAS, Representative McKeon served 11 years in the Illinois General Assembly as a Representative from the 13th District and was the former executive director of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations’ Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues.

WHEREAS, prior to his extensive public service, Mr. McKeon worked as a juvenile justice research project specialist at the University of Chicago; as an assistant dean of the University of Chicago’s School of Social Service Administration; as an instructor in the public administration program at Chicago’s Roosevelt University; and as a research associate and director of information systems and services for United Charities of Chicago.

WHEREAS, Representative McKeon was directly responsible for obtaining nearly $15 million in state funds toward the construction of Truman College’s new student services center and parking deck. Primarily this will allow Truman to consolidate student services and renovate the interior of the main building, creating space for more career programs; and

WHEREAS, Representative McKeon was responsible for securing $25,000 in state funds for Truman College’s GEAR-UP partnership with the former Arai Middle School. This federal program was designed to ensure that more low-income and first generation middle school students continued on to college and continues currently as the successful Uplift Academy; and

WHEREAS, Representative McKeon had always been supportive of Truman College, its students, and the community. In addition to attending many Truman events, including being commencement speaker for the Truman College GED program, he was always willing to listen to college needs and did everything in his power to help; and

WHEREAS, Representative McKeon epitomizes an individual who will bring prestige and honor to the new administrative building, Truman College, and the community it serves; and

Pursuant to the criteria governing the naming of district facilities articulated in Article V, Board Rule 5.13 c.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Truman College new administrative building be named for Representative Larry McKeon for his significant positive contributions to the community which Truman College serves.

The building will be named the Larry McKeon Administrative Building.

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