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**REQUEST TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

**Action Requested:** Consider recommending to the Board that the University of Northern Iowa's request to award an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to Mr. LeRoy H. Redfern at Spring 2006 Commencement be approved.

**Executive Summary:** The University of Northern Iowa wishes to recognize Mr. Redfern for his significant contributions to the community, state, profession, and the University.

**Highlights of Mr. Redfern's Accomplishments:**

- ◇ Mr. Redfern has been a practicing attorney in Cedar Falls since 1948 where he is a senior partner of the firm of Redfern, Mason, Dieter, Larsen, and Moore.
- ◇ For many years, Mr. Redfern chaired the Iowa Title Standards Committee of the Iowa Bar Association which is dedicated to protecting property titles and formulating law affecting real estate.
- ◇ He received the prestigious Iowa Bar Association Award of Merit in 1979 (the highest honor the organization bestows) and the Community Service Award in 2001.
- ◇ Mr. Redfern was a motivating force and founder of the Cedar Falls Industrial Development Association which led to the development of the Cedar Falls Industrial Park, housing more than 3,000 employees.
- ◇ He played a large role in the completion of the Overman Park band shell and, together, with his wife, Nancy, was instrumental in saving the Ice House for conversion to a museum.
- ◇ Mr. Redfern served as Vice-Chair of the UNI Foundation for more than 20 years and was instrumental in establishing the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center.
- ◇ Mr. Redfern is noted for his dedication to high ideals and ethical standards. He is held in high regard for his practical counsel, his selfless dedication, and his leadership in all facets of civic participation and professional scholarship.