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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA PROPOSED NAMING

Action Requested: Consider recommending to the Board approval of the naming of the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Iowa the “**Roy J. Carver Department of Biomedical Engineering.**”

Executive Summary: The University of Iowa requests that the University of Iowa Department of Biomedical Engineering, Iowa’s only accredited biomedical engineering program, be named in honor of Roy J. Carver, in recognition of the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust’s generous support of the department throughout the past two decades.

Previously, the Trust has provided almost \$3 million in support to the department through gifts to many areas, including laboratories, research, and faculty. The Trust has also recently made a \$12 million commitment to support a major initiative in respiratory and pulmonary biomedical engineering.

This recent transformational commitment will allow the department to pursue its goal of becoming a global leader in the area of pulmonary and respiratory biomedical engineering. It will help the department expand its doctoral program by recruiting top PhD students, accelerate faculty hiring, retain current faculty members, and enhance research that will bring life-changing discoveries to people across the nation and around the world.

This initiative also will extend beyond the department to foster collaboration opportunities across campus.