

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Building Naming

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization to name the Engineering Programs Building in honor of the Gorguze Family

BACKGROUND:

The University of Michigan has received a gift of \$5 million from Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze in support of an addition to the College of Engineering's Engineering Programs Building. The facility will allow a variety of curricular and co-curricular activities to enhance hands-on, project-oriented learning in a collaborative setting.

Vincent Gorguze received his BSE in metallurgical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1941 and was awarded the Department of Materials Science and Engineering Alumni Society Merit Award in 1998. Mr. Gorguze held positions at Ford Motor Company and Curtiss-Wright Corporation before joining Emerson Electric Company in 1962 where he ultimately served as president and chief operating officer, with overall operating responsibility for both the domestic and international operations of the company. As part of Emerson's top management team, he was one of the prime architects of its growth from \$150 million in annual revenues in 1962 to over \$2 billion in 1978.

In 1978, Mr. Gorguze retired from Emerson Electric and began his second career: acquiring and operating manufacturing companies on his own. He is currently chairman of Cameron Holdings Corporation, a company that he co-founded which specializes in acquiring and operating middle-market manufacturing, industrial service and value-added distribution companies. Cameron has made over 35 acquisitions with an aggregate transaction value in excess of \$1 billion.

In recognition of this significant commitment from Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze, we recommend that the Regents formally designate the Engineering Programs Building as the Gorguze Family Laboratory.

Respectfully submitted,



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