

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

March 20, 2008

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Facility Naming

ACTION REQUEST: Authorization to Name the Nanofabrication Facility in Honor of Robert H. Lurie

BACKGROUND:

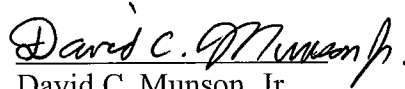
The College of Engineering received a gift of \$15 million from Ann Lurie to partially fund the construction of the new nanofabrication facility, an addition to the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building formerly called the Solid State Electronics Laboratory. This 41,000 gross square foot facility includes more than 12,500 square feet of state-of-the-art cleanroom space; it serves a wide variety of research and instructional needs for the College, the University, local business, and regional research universities. In recognition of the significant, long-term relationship between Ann and Robert H. Lurie and the University of Michigan, we propose that the nanofabrication facility be named in honor of Robert H. Lurie. The official facility name will be the Robert H. Lurie Nanofabrication Facility.

Ann Lurie (Hon. 2003) is president of Lurie Investments and president and treasurer of the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Foundation. Over the past fifteen years, Ann Lurie's philanthropic support of the University has changed the campus intellectually and physically. Her late husband, Robert H. Lurie (BSEIE 1964, MSE 1966), was a Chicago-based real estate investor who attributed much of his success to the undergraduate and graduate education he received at the College of Engineering.

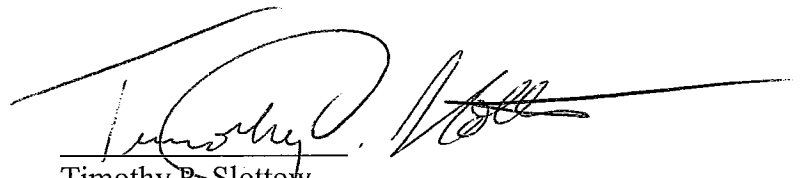
Ms. Lurie's commitment in 1993 to the College of Engineering led to the construction of the Robert H. Lurie Engineering Center and the landmark Ann and Robert H. Lurie Tower, a carillon located on North Campus. In 1999, Ms. Lurie, together with Sam Zell (AB 1963, JD 1966), Bob Lurie's former business partner, established the Samuel Zell and Robert H. Lurie Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at the Business School. The Marion Elizabeth Blue Professorship at the School of Social Work, established in 1999, is dedicated to the memory of her mother. Ann's \$15 million gift for this project is part of a \$25 million gift she has made to the Michigan Difference campaign.

In recognition of this significant commitment from Ann Lurie, which has supported the construction of the nanofabrication facility, we recommend that the Regents formally designate it as the Robert H. Lurie Nanofabrication Facility.

Respectfully submitted,



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