RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Jonas Nursing Honors Scholarships” initiative, which provides private financial aid to students pursuing a degree in nursing at Hunter College.

EXPLANATION: The Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare (“the Jonas Center”) has contributed $210,000 to the Hunter College Foundation, Inc. (“the Foundation”) since 2011. In October 2014 the Jonas Center pledged $100,000 to the Foundation to be used for scholarship support for Jonas Nursing Honors Scholars through 2016. The Jonas Nursing Honors Program is a new, highly selective freshmen honors program for prospective nurses. Students will be mentored and supported throughout their undergraduate degree program, and encouraged to continue their education by entering the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Hunter College. The scholarship awarded to each student will enable them to attend Hunter College School of Nursing with complete financial assistance.

Donald Jonas is a trustee of the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare. He and his wife Barbara established the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence, a program that utilizes philanthropy to advance the nursing profession in New York City. Barbara Jonas graduated from Sarah Lawrence College, earned her M.S.W. from Yeshiva University, and was a practicing psychotherapist. A prominent retail executive, Donald Jonas was founder and chairman of the Barbara Lynn stores and its successor company, Belscott Retailers. He was co-founder and chairman of Lechters Housewares from 1973 until he retired.