HUNTER COLLEGE

Naming of the Belle and George Strell Executive Leadership Fellows Program

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Belle and George Strell Executive Leadership Fellows Program” at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.

EXPLANATION: In November 2014, Joan Glade de Pontet pledged $500,000 to the Hunter College Foundation (to be paid over three years) to establish the “Belle and George Strell Endowment Fund.” Previously, Ms. Glade de Pontet had donated $100,000 to support the launching of the Organizational Management and Leadership in Human Services initiative, a forerunner of the Belle and George Strell Executive Leadership Fellows Program. The Strell Executive Leadership Fellows Program at Silberman will expand the School’s focus on leadership and management, and meet the needs of current students and practicing social workers to increase their management skills and assume leadership roles.

Ms. Glade de Pontet graduated from Hunter College with a Masters of Social Work in 1977. She recently retired from her position as executive director of the Jewish Social Service Agency of Metropolitan Washington, where she served for 25 years.