RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of Room 115 of the Brookdale East Building at the Hunter College School of Nursing as the “Dean Kristine Gebbie Classroom.”

EXPLANATION: Donald and Barbara Jonas made a gift of $25,000 to the Hunter College Foundation, Inc. to create the Kristine Gebbie Classroom, a “smart classroom” with state-of-the-art technology, in honor of Acting Dean Kristine Gebbie upon her retirement in 2011. The Jonases founded the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence, which seeks to advance the nursing profession through grants and programs to develop outstanding faculty, advance scholarship and spark innovative practice. They have also established the Barbara and Donald Jonas Family Fund, which focuses their philanthropic giving on nursing, their major focus, as well as on mental health and at-risk youth and families. Donald and Barbara currently serve as advisors to the Barbara and Donald Jonas Family Fund and Co-Chairs of the Advisory Board to the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence. Through the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence, Hunter College has received a $200,000 grant to provide scholarships to students who are pursuing doctorates in nursing practice. In 2010, the Jonases each received President’s Medals in recognition of their public-spirited generosity and support of nursing.

Dr. Gebbie served as the (Acting) Joan Grabe Dean of Nursing at Hunter College from 2009-2011. Prior to that she served for 14 years as Elizabeth Standish Gill Professor of Nursing and Director of the Center for Health Policy at Columbia University School of Nursing, where she led multiple research projects related to emergency preparedness, competency-based education, public health practice, and nursing. Previously, Dr. Gebbie served as chief state health official in both Oregon and Washington state, and was a founding member of the National Board of Public Health Examiners, which provides certification for public health professionals and graduates of CEPH-accredited institutions. She served on the Presidential Committee on AIDS formed by Ronald Reagan and served as National AIDS Policy Coordinator for the White House (AIDS Czar) under President Clinton, and as Acting Director of Public Health Strategies for the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. Dr. Gebbie is a member of the Board of Trustees of Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York. She is an elected member of the American Academy of Nursing, the Institute of Medicine and the New York Academy of Medicine.