HUNTER COLLEGE

Naming of “The Peggy” Dance Studio

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the dance studio on the 6th floor of Thomas Hunter Hall at Hunter College “The Peggy” in tribute to Peggy Tirschwell, for her exceptionally distinguished service to Hunter College and CUNY.

EXPLANATION: Richard Gilder has pledged $500,000 for expenses relating to the renovation of a dance studio on the 6th floor of Thomas Hunter Hall at Hunter College. The renovated dance studio would be known thereafter as “The Peggy” after his sister Peggy Tirschwell, who has been an exceptionally valued and beloved member of the Provost’s Office at Hunter College since September 2002, specializing in curriculum development, support and accreditation. In April 2016, Ms. Tirschwell will celebrate 51 years with The City University of New York.

Mr. Gilder founded his own firm, now known as Gilder Gagnon Howe & Co. LLC. In 1994, with long-time friend, Lewis E. Lehrman, he created the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, a leading non-profit provider of K-12 educational programs and materials in American history. They also co-founded The Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition at Yale, and are co-founders and sponsors of the Lincoln Prize, the Frederick Douglass Book Award and the George Washington Book Prize. Mr. Gilder is a founding and continuing trustee of the Central Park Conservancy, a trustee of the American Museum of Natural History and New-York Historical Society, and an honorary trustee of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. In 2005, with Lewis Lehrman, Richard Gilder received the National Humanities Medal for his work promoting the study of American history.

Mr. Gilder has been a long-time supporter of Hunter College. His generosity includes a $1 million gift in 2011 to create the Tirschwell Gilder Information Commons in the Hunter College main campus library, bringing state-of-the-art internet and research technology to the Hunter College Library.

In recognition of Ms. Tirschwell’s long and devoted service to Hunter College, and of her brother Richard Gilder’s generosity, the College wishes to name the newly renovated dance studio on the 6th floor of Thomas Hunter Hall “The Peggy.”