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IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAM C. “BILL” BAKER, ED.D.

WHEREAS, William C. “Bill” Baker, Ed.D. served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana for more 22 years, from January 10, 1992, through December 31, 2014, representing retired members;

WHEREAS, Dr. Baker dedicated many years to the support of education and educators, including teaching in Caddo Parish Public Schools and serving for 20 years at the Louisiana Teachers Association, now known as the Louisiana Association of Educators (LAE);

WHEREAS, Dr. Baker’s tenure as a trustee was characterized by his distinguished leadership, tremendous insight, and uncompromising commitment to honor, duty, and excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Baker for his long and dedicated service to the System; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the TRSL Board and staff fondly remember Dr. Baker; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. Baker’s family and be included in the proceedings of 99th Annual Convention of the National Council on Teacher Retirement, 2021.

Submitted by: Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana



**IN APPRECIATION
WILL BAUMANN**

WHEREAS, Will Baumann served on the Board of the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) with distinction as an active member representative for four years from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baumann has been a mathematics instructor at Ridgewater College where he has worked with professionalism and dedication; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Baumann's tenure on the Board, the TRA experienced substantial growth in assets, major enhancements in customer service, and significant advancements in benefit administration technology; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Baumann's tenure on the TRA Board, significant pension reform legislation was passed in 2018, all with the vision, creativity, and guidance of Mr. Baumann and his concern for the members of the plan and the sustainability of the pension fund; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Council on Teacher Retirement expresses its best wishes and appreciation to Will Baumann for his dedicated service to the Minnesota education community, the Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association, and the people of Minnesota and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Will Baumann and be included in the proceedings of the 99th Annual Conference of the National Council on Teacher Retirement, 2021.

Submitted by: Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association



**IN APPRECIATION
ROGER REA**

WHEREAS, Roger Rea was an active participant in the National Council on Teacher Retirement, including twelve years of service on the NCTR Executive Committee and as NCTR President in 2018-19; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rea has provided leadership on teacher retirement issues as President of the Omaha Education Association; President of the Nebraska State Education Association-Retired; Trustee for the Nebraska Public Employee Retirement Systems; Member of the Nebraska State Education Association Retirement Committee; and Member of the Trustee Caucus of the National Education Association; as well as Member of the Board of the National Institute on Retirement Security; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rea has been honored by various professional groups for his accomplishments and service, including: 1983 Presidential Award of Excellence in Teaching; 1986 Nebraska candidate for the NASA Teacher in Space Project; 1989 Nebraska Teacher of the Year; 2008 OEA School Bell Award; 2014 NARSP Big Apple Award; and 2019 Marquis Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rea retired as a Trustee of the Omaha School Employees' Retirement System after twenty-seven years of service, including seven years as an active-employee representative and twenty years as an annuitant representative; and during his tenure he served as Vice President of the OSERS Board; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that NCTR expresses its appreciation for Mr. Rea's dedicated service to the advancement of defined benefit retirement plans, and extends its best wishes to him and his wife, Liz, for good health and continued happiness; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Rea and be included in the proceedings of the 99th Annual Conference of the National Council on Teacher Retirement, 2021.

Submitted by: the Executive Committee of NCTR



**IN APPRECIATION
SUZETTE S. RIDDLE**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Suzette S. Riddle has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana from January 1, 2019, through December 30, 2020, representing active members employed in District 7, which includes Acadia, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Mary, and Vermilion parishes; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Board, Mrs. Riddle provided invaluable service on the Elections, Legislative, Membership and Entitlements, and Personnel committees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riddle offered instrumental counsel and insight with a deep commitment to the System and its mission of safeguarding assets held in trust for TRSL members and their beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riddle has always worked in good faith with the best interests of TRSL members at the forefront of her decision-making at all times, and has contributed thoughtful consideration as a steward for members in District 7.

WHEREAS, for 25 years, Mrs. Riddle has worked tirelessly as an educator and librarian with an exceptional commitment and dedication to her colleagues and students, supporting their educational goals, specifically as it relates to a love for reading and literacy.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riddle's service to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana was performed with honor and integrity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the National Council on Teacher Retirement hereby expresses its appreciation to Mrs. Suzette S. Riddle for two years of dedicated service to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana as a trustee and fiduciary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to Mrs. Suzette S. Riddle, and that it be included in the proceedings of 99th Annual Conference of the National Council on Teacher Retirement, 2021.

Submitted by: Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana



**IN APPRECIATION
MARY B. SUPPLE**

WHEREAS, Mary B. Supple served on the Board of the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) with distinction as an active member representative for twelve years from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2021, and served for a time as chair of the audit committee and as the Board Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Supple served the students and families of the Richfield, Minnesota school district as an elementary education teacher for 33 years with professionalism and dedication; and

WHEREAS, during Ms. Supple's tenure on the Board, the TRA experienced substantial growth in assets, major enhancements in customer service, and significant advancements in benefit administration technology; and

WHEREAS, during Ms. Supple's tenure on the TRA Board, significant pension reform legislation was passed in 2010 and again in 2018, all with the vision, creativity, and guidance of Ms. Supple and her concern for the members of the plan and the sustainability of the pension fund; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Supple has also been active in many other public service roles including local union president, local government relations chair, Education Minnesota governing board, NEA board of directors, Richfield League of Women Voters, Richfield Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Richfield Economic Development Authority, and Richfield city council; and

WHEREAS, during her TRA Board service Ms. Supple was an active participant of the National Council on Teacher Retirement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Council on Teacher Retirement expresses its best wishes and appreciation to Mary Supple for her dedicated service to the Minnesota education community, the Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association, and the people of Minnesota and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mary Supple and be included in the proceedings of the 99th Annual Conference of the National Council on Teacher Retirement, 2021.

Submitted by: Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association



**IN APPRECIATION
DANA L. VICKNAIR**

WHEREAS, Dana L. Vicknair, faithfully served the Board of Trustees, the staff, and the membership of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) for more than 25 years—with the most recent three years as System director;

WHEREAS, Ms. Vicknair's career at TRSL began in the Accounting Department in 1995, and where two years later she was promoted to Chief Financial Officer; and would eventually be appointed an Assistant Director in 2003;

WHEREAS, during the course of her career at TRSL, she has overseen operations of the accounting, administrative services, retirement, employer services, and retirement education departments;

WHEREAS, during her time at TRSL, Ms. Vicknair has amassed an impressive depth and breadth of knowledge about retirement issues and the business of TRSL, effectively making her a walking encyclopedia of pension matters and historical System data;

WHEREAS, Ms. Vicknair has worked with four directors and numerous board members, providing trusted counsel and information to help them make critical and strategic decisions about System operations, legislation, investments, and policy;

WHEREAS, as director of the System, Ms. Vicknair has provided steady leadership and has continued to champion the defined benefit plan as an appropriate and secure retirement option for those who dedicate their lives to public service;

WHEREAS, during Ms. Vicknair's tenure, the retirement system has been acknowledged every year by CEM Benchmarking for providing its membership with high-quality, low-cost services and for outperforming peers in performance and cost-effectiveness;

WHEREAS, throughout her career at TRSL, Ms. Vicknair has always been a prudent financial steward of agency resources, ensuring agency dollars are expended in a manner that enables the System to faithfully perform its fiduciary responsibilities and statutory obligations;

WHEREAS, over the years, Ms. Vicknair has been instrumental in guiding the System and managing its response to unforeseen and unprecedented events, including Hurricane Katrina—one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history; the Great Recession of 2008-2009 when markets worldwide tumbled; and most recently the global COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Ms. Vicknair's knowledge and professionalism have been beneficial to the agency, and have been particularly evident on the many occasions that she has represented the retirement system at legislative meetings, conferences, and events for professional organizations, including meetings for the business officers of TRSL's reporting agencies;

WHEREAS, during Ms. Vicknair's tenure, the System has been recognized every year by two leading pension and financial associations—the Government Finance Officers Association's certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting for the System's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* and its *Popular Annual Financial Report*; as well as the Public Pension Coordinating Council's pension standards award for management and funding;



**IN APPRECIATION
DANA L. VICKNAIR (continued)**

WHEREAS, Ms. Vicknair's extensive knowledge of the pension industry as well as her integrity, honesty, and transparency have served the interests of the retirement system well and have earned TRSL the reputation of being a reliable and responsive state agency;

RESOLVED, that the National Council on Teacher Retirement hereby expresses its appreciation to Ms. Dana L. Vicknair for more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to Ms. Dana L. Vicknair, and that it be included in the proceedings of 99th Annual Conference of the National Council on Teacher Retirement, 2021.

Submitted by: Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana

