

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND SERVICE OF
ARK GEOW CHIN**

WHEREAS, on February 9, 1924 **ARK GEOW CHIN** was born to Jing Teung Chin and Yu Sung Chin in a small village in Tai Shan, China; and

WHEREAS, **ARK CHIN** came to the United States at 10 years of age to work in his father's restaurant while attending school; and

WHEREAS, **ARK CHIN** was studying at the University of Washington when he was drafted to serve in the 100th Army Infantry in the European Theater of World War II, where he was twice wounded and decorated with the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, **ARK CHIN** returned after the war to complete his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering at the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, **ARK CHIN** joined the consulting firm of Cary & Kramer, eventually becoming the president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Kramer, Chin & Mayo; and

WHEREAS, **ARK CHIN** received numerous professional accolades, including Engineer of the Year by the American Council of Engineering Companies, First Citizen of Seattle, and the Spirit of America Award from the Ethnic Heritage Council; and

WHEREAS, **ARK CHIN** was an extraordinarily dedicated philanthropist and global community servant, building an orphanage in China near his own birthplace, and leading fundraising efforts with his wife, Winnie, to establish the Kin On Nursing Home in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, **ARK CHIN** served as a Chair and Trustee at Western Washington University from 1974-1980, and as a Regent at the University of Washington from 1998-2004; and

WHEREAS, **ARK CHIN** gave generously to create scholarships at Western Washington University and the University of Washington, and was a lifelong advocate for higher education as the path to opportunity and success in life;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University expresses its gratitude, commendation, and great admiration for **ARK CHIN** on his many achievements, and exemplary service as past Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Western Washington University.

Dated and signed this 9th day of December, 2011.

Dennis Madsen, Chair

Betti Fujikado, Secretary