

### **Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Margaret (Peggy) Barr**

WHEREAS, Margaret (Peggy) Barr of Evanston, Illinois, an inspirational leader and legend in the student affairs field, passed away on June 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Corsica, Pennsylvania, born June 20, 1940, she was the youngest of three children and the daughter of William and Cordelia (Sell) Barr; and

WHEREAS, Barr was a passionate champion for education, receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in history from the State University College at Buffalo, a master's degree in college student personnel-higher education from Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, and her Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, a true student affairs practitioner and educator, she began her career at Trenton State College and SUNY – Binghamton and went on to serve at the University of Texas at Austin, Northern Illinois University, and Texas Christian University; and then, Barr spent 38 years as the Vice President for Student Affairs at Northwestern University and served as faculty in the Northwestern School of Education and Social Policy, continuing to teach as professor emerita for many years; and

WHEREAS, she exemplified the core values of student affairs through her practice, including through her commitment to keeping students first and foremost in her work and through her willingness to serve as advisor and mentor to so many in our field; and

WHEREAS, Barr was a prolific author and scholar, the multitude of publications she crafted have truly had an impact on generations of student affairs professionals, including the infamous “Blue Book”, *A Handbook for the Student Affairs Profession*, and her service as the editor-in-chief of the New Directions for Student Services monograph series, for over a decade, provided many articles which forged new pathways for student affairs; and

WHEREAS, Barr was recognized for her leadership through several prestigious accolades from NASPA and the NASPA Foundation including the Outstanding Contribution to Literature and Research, Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award, Pillar of the Profession, and the John L. Blackburn Distinguished Pillar Award; and she was honored by ACPA with the ACPA Foundation Diamond Honoree Award; and

WHEREAS, she was also a dedicated servant leader, serving as the 44<sup>th</sup> president of ACPA from 1983 – 1984 and the president of the NASPA Foundation from 2000 – 2002, and participating as an active member of the National Vice President's Group from 1985 through her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Barr will be fondly remembered for her caring and generous nature, her wonderful laugh, her love of knitting and crossword puzzles, and she will be greatly missed by loving family members, many friends, and admirers; the staff, faculty, and student body of Northwestern University; and by her NASPA family and friends; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NASPA Board of Directors and the NASPA Foundation Board of Directors marks with regret the passing of Margaret (Peggy) Barr, and expresses its members' deepest sympathy to her family; and, now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NASPA Board of Directors and the NASPA Foundation Board of Directors celebrate the life of Margaret (Peggy) Barr, an outstanding higher education scholar and leader, and recognize her lasting contributions to the Association and the student affairs profession on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

Submitted by

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