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STATEMENT

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Statement from Arizona Board of Regents President Ernest Calderón on the passing today of Regent Emeritus Jack Pfister

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“Today we deeply mourn the passing of Regent Emeritus Jack Pfister, who died suddenly this morning at his home. With Jack’s death, we have lost a family member and a good friend. He will be greatly missed by all.

“His support for the university system was unwavering. For decades, Jack was there to lend support and provide guidance. As a former Regent, he significantly contributed to the enhancement of our university system, working to make a university education affordable and accessible for all.

“Over the past five years, Jack provided the Board of Regents with informal advice on matters ranging from redesign to affordability and accessibility. This past year, he provided staunch support as we struggled to provide a quality education to our students as we dealt with the budget situation. His post-Regent service to our system is one of the most robust of any former Regent. He also provided Arizona State University with great leadership in his Vice Presidential role.

“In honor of Regent Pfister’s service to the universities, I have asked that all campus flags be flown at half-staff until Mon., July 27 in remembrance and honor of Jack.

“We in the Arizona University System extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to his wife Patricia and his family. At a later date, I will be asking Arizona State University to take a leadership role in permanently remembering Jack’s legacy of service.”

About the Arizona Board of Regents

The Arizona Board of Regents is committed to ensuring access for qualified residents of Arizona to undergraduate and graduate instruction; promoting the discovery, application, and dissemination of new knowledge; extending the benefits of university activities to Arizona's citizens outside the university; and maximizing the benefits derived from the state's investment in education. The Board consists of twelve members: eleven voting and one non-voting student regent. This includes the Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction as ex-officio members, each serving while they hold office, and two Student Regents. For more information visit www.azregents.edu.

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