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Born in Illinois, educated at Cornell University in chemical engineering and at the University of Chicago with a graduate degree in business, Jim Sylla began his career with the Chevron Corporation in 1957. After a succession of promotions, he was appointed, in 1984, to the position of President of the Corporation's largest subsidiary, Chevron U.S.A. A gifted executive, a loving husband and father, and a generous contributor of his time and skills to community organizations, including Golden Gate University, he won the respect and affection of all of us who had the privilege of knowing him.

Jim Sylla died in the tragic, December 7th, 1987 crash of PSA Flight 1771. With his passing, Golden Gate University lost a man who cared deeply about its educational mission and progress and who at the time was serving as the Chairman of its Board of Trustees. As an institution, we miss his insightful and fairminded guidance. As friends and associates, we cherish his memory as a most decent and thoughtful person. His high standards of performance and integrity will remain an enduring inspiration for all of us—and a precious part of Golden Gate University's heritage.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Chevron Corporation, his community and Golden Gate University, the Board of Trustees of the University hereby posthumously confers upon

JAMES R. SYLLA

the degree of

DOCTOR OF LAWS, *HONORIS CAUSA*

which, on behalf of the Sylla family, is being accepted by Mr. Sylla's son, John R. Sylla.

Granted the fourth day of June
Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight
at San Francisco, California

Otto Butz
President of the University

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Chairman of the Board of Trustees