Resolution from the PRIM&R Board of Directors to Barbara Stanley, PhD

Whereas Dr. Stanley, through her work as a clinical psychologist and research scientist in the Department of Neuroscience at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, and as a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University, has made significant and enduring contributions to the treatment of suicidal behavior, self injury, personality disorders, and depression, and in the wider area of neurobiology; and

Whereas Dr. Stanley became a nationally recognized expert on the ethics of research involving vulnerable populations and whereas she has routinely brought that expertise to PRIM&R and ARENA meetings; and

Whereas Dr. Stanley, a longtime member of the PRIM&R Board, had a vision for reaching out to the wider research ethics community; and

Whereas Dr. Stanley, in 1985, in collaboration with Natalie Reatig, a friend and fellow Board member, came up with the idea for a membership division of PRIM&R, later named the Applied Research Ethics National Association (ARENA); and

Whereas Dr. Stanley was the Applied Research Ethics National Association’s (ARENA) founding president in 1986; and

Whereas ARENA’s membership included 61 charter members in 1986; and

Whereas Dr. Stanley worked hard to help grow and strengthen ARENA; and

Whereas Dr. Stanley was the recipient of PRIM&R’s Founders Award in 2005; and

Whereas Dr. Stanley’s has shared and celebrated her special memories of her ARENA service, stating… “about ten years or so after ARENA was born and my involvement with the organization had diminished, I was sitting at a PRIM&R dinner and someone said to me that she was the president of ARENA. And then she launched enthusiastically into the following, ‘Let me tell you all about ARENA and what it does.’ I didn’t have the heart to say, ‘I know, I was a founder.’ This memory is special because it’s exactly what I had hoped for when helping create the organization—which is that it would just take off and develop on its own;” and

Whereas Dr. Stanley brought to PRIM&R, to ARENA, and to everything she touches great integrity, a rare brilliance, a deep commitment, and levels of loyalty and caring that cannot be matched;

Therefore be it resolved that the PRIM&R Board of Directors and staff on this third day of December, 2011, do hereby convey their heartfelt appreciation and boundless gratitude to Dr. Stanley for her vision in founding ARENA and for her long, loyal, and distinguished service to both ARENA and PRIM&R.