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Statements from Gov. Hickenlooper, Chancellor Martin and Board Chair Zimlich on the passing of Russell Johnson

DENVER – September 12, 2012 – Gov. John Hickenlooper issued the following statement today regarding the death of Russell Johnson, a member of the Colorado State University System Board of Governors.

“On behalf of the state of Colorado, we offer our deepest condolences to Russ Johnson’s family, friends and Colorado State University. We are saddened by his death and will miss his leadership in the community and on the Board of Governors.”

Statement from CSU System Chancellor Michael Martin

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of Russ Johnson, and the thoughts and prayers of the entire CSU System are with his family at this time. Though he served on the Board of Governors for a short time, Russ was a great Coloradan, a proud CSU alum and strong advocate for higher education. We all mourn his passing.”

Statement from Board Chair Joe Zimlich

“On behalf of the CSU System Board of Governors, I want to offer our deepest sympathy to Russ Johnson’s family and friends. Russ was a tireless and dedicated supporter of CSU and a powerful voice for the institution’s agricultural heritage. The Board will sorely miss his thoughtful leadership and deep experience.”