



RESOLUTION TO RENAME EGBERT HALL
John S. Shropshire Hall

WHEREAS, John S. Shropshire '61 broke ground in 1972 when he became the dean of enrollment management, the first Black individual to attain dean status at Clarion University; and,

WHEREAS, John S. Shropshire came to Clarion University in 1957 as a student. He earned three letters as a member of the Golden Eagles football team and graduated in 1961 with degrees in English and secondary education/social studies; and,

WHEREAS, John S. Shropshire was elected president of the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education and was named chairman of the enrollment management committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers; and,

WHEREAS, John S. Shropshire pushed for education in rural areas as part of the Rural Advocacy Taskforce. He served as a Paint Township supervisor and, as a Clarion County Commissioner, he was the first Black person to be elected to public office in Clarion County; and,

WHEREAS, John S. Shropshire truly believed in education, not just as it related to students of color, but for all students; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University, in recognition of the prominent and devoted commitment of John S. Shropshire to Clarion University and his significant impact on the Clarion community, as well as his immeasurable impact on the recruitment, retention and graduation students, does hereby endorse the renaming of Egbert Hall to John S. Shropshire Hall, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Western University Policy for Naming Facilities and Programs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be made a matter of formal record in the minutes of the Council of Trustees.

Approved this 13th day of April 2023.

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Kathy Pape, Chairperson
Council of Trustees

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R. Lorraine Bernotsky, DPhil, Acting President