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## News Release

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### **The Russell M. Pry Endowed Memorial Scholarship Established at The University of Akron School of Law**

Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro, City of Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan and University of Akron President Matthew Wilson announced the establishment of a scholarship honoring the late Summit County Executive Russ Pry. The Russell M. Pry Endowed Memorial Scholarship was created by a \$50,000 donation from The Friends of Russ Pry.

The announcement was made during the mayor's State of the City Address at the John S. Knight Center on Tuesday afternoon, February 28, 2017. Proceeds from the State of the City event will also benefit the scholarship.

"Russ Pry believed in getting a good education and he also believed in giving back to the youth in our community," said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. "There is no better way to carry on his legacy than with this scholarship that will help a young person each year to get the same quality education he received from his Alma Mater."

The scholarship will benefit University of Akron Law School students attending school full or part-time who meet the proper criteria. The scholarship, in the amount of \$2,250, will be awarded annually by the University of Akron School of Law's scholarship committee.

"Russ was a mentor to so many attorneys and public servants that it is only fitting that we honor his memory with a scholarship that will inspire a future generation of leaders," Mayor Horrigan said. "It was my privilege to contribute all the proceeds from my first and future State of the City addresses to this very worthy cause in memory of my dear friend."

"On behalf of the University of Akron School of Law Alumni, the University of Akron family and the incoming class of students for fall, thank you for this generous gift honoring our distinguished alumnus and friend, Russ Pry," said President Wilson.

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Russ was a University of Akron Law school graduate. He served as County Executive from July 2007 until his passing at the age of 58 on July 31, 2016.

Gifts to the Russell M. Pry Endowed Memorial Scholarship can be made to the Department of Development, The University of Akron, PO Box 2203, Akron OH 44309-9649. Please make checks payable to The University of Akron Foundation including *Russ Pry Scholarship* on the memo line.



**(left to right) University of Akron President Matthew Wilson,  
Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and City of Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan**

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