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NAME THE EAST AVIATION HANGAR AT THE PCC  
ROCK CREEK CAMPUS IN HONOR OF MICHAEL D.  
REESE

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REPORT: In recognition of an immediate \$270,000 cash gift from  
Patricia Reese, this memo requests PCC Board  
permission to name the east hangar inside the PCC  
Rock Creek Aviation building in honor of the donor's late  
husband and aviation enthusiast, Michael D. Reese.

Michael D. Reese was born in Portland, Oregon on  
December 2, 1933 and died peacefully at home  
surrounded by his family November 10, 2010. He was a  
loving husband and father, successful businessman and  
involved community member.

Michael attended Benson Tech High School in Portland  
and in the National Guard as a cook for six years. At the  
age of 16, Michael began his career with Standard Oil  
and by the time he reached the 23 years old his  
entrepreneurial spirit motivated him to open his own  
service station in 1956. He had great business savvy and  
was not one to rest on his laurels, and soon expanded  
his businesses to include German Auto Parts, Gateway  
Body Shop, various real estate acquisitions and Western  
Wrecker Sales, which he continued to operate until his  
passing.

It was his service station that created his greatest  
passion purely by accident. A new customer asked if he  
could pay for his car repairs in trade for flying lessons.  
This was the beginning of his love affair with aviation.

His first aircraft purchase was a Piper Tri-Pacer. Over the  
years his many acquisitions included two Super Cub sea  
planes, a Twin Aztec, a Super Stinson on floats, an A36  
Bonanza, two Beechcraft Barons, a Bucher, a Widgeon,  
a King Air, a Cessna 172 and a helicopter. He had

numerous flight ratings, which included air transport, commercial and multi-engine seaplanes. Some of his most unique purchases included an experimental Wood Duck aircraft and a Ford Edsel. The necessity to house all these toys led to his residing at Parkside in Battleground, Washington for a number of years, and ultimately the purchase of his own private airport, McKinnon Airpark located in Sandy, Oregon.

Michael shared his passion for flying at McKinnon Airpark, Mike used his gift of entertaining and cooking to host many fundraising events. Mike belonged to many organizations some of which included: Columbia Aviation Association, Quiet Birdmen, Lions Club, Kiwanis, and Parkrose Rotary.

His widow, Patricia (Pat) Reese, would like to honor Michael's legacy and continue to celebrate his life by donating a significant gift to create an endowed scholarship for aviation maintenance students.

She has pledged \$270,000 (payable in full by the end of January 2017). In addition, she hopes to gift \$20,000 annually through 2021 so that beginning next year she will be giving \$20,000 annually in scholarships to PCC aviation maintenance students. The total potential gift is \$350,000.

In recognition of this generous contribution to support PCC, the Foundation wishes to honor Patricia Reese by naming the east hangar the Michael D. Reese Hangar. According to PCC Facilities Management this hangar represents approximately 7,000 square feet of the 32,692 square foot PCC Rock Creek Campus Aviation Building.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the PCC College Board of Directors approve the naming of the east hangar on the PCC Rock Creek campus the **Michael D. Reese Aviation Hangar**.