Belle Ribicoff, a Life Regent and long-time supporter of the University of Hartford, was praised in an editorial in the *Hartford Courant* on Friday, Dec. 19. The *Courant* was celebrating Ribicoff's role in supporting and spearheading the improvements that have been taking place at Hartford Stage.

The editorial mentioned that the University of Hartford is one of the institutions Ribicoff supports. Her support has included the creation of the Belle K. Ribicoff Prize for academic excellence, which is awarded to a graduating student at Commencement each year.

She also created The Belle K. Ribicoff Junior Faculty Prize, together with an endowed chair for junior faculty. In his letter to the University community announcing the prize and the endowed chair, President Walter Harrison said, "Belle Ribicoff endowed the professorship because of her strong belief in the importance of great teaching and great teachers and her commitment to creating a prestigious position for a person who was in the early stages of his or her career. In doing so, Belle demonstrates her profound commitment to the University and her understanding that we are, first and foremost, a university that values and supports student development through great teaching."