



BOARD APPROVED

June 11, 2020

Janice Indrutz  
Corporate Secretary

## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THOMAS E. SPURGEON**

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Spurgeon has served Purdue University with excellence and dedication as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2020, having been elected by the Purdue Alumni Association as an alumni trustee; and

WHEREAS, Tom provided his leadership to the Board as chairman (2013-15) and vice chairman (2011-13 and 2015-20), as well as serving as chair of the Board's Compensation Committee and Audit and Risk Management Committee; and

WHEREAS, Tom was a member of the Presidential Search Committee that recommended finalist Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. to the Board to serve as Purdue's 12<sup>th</sup> president; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the Compensation Committee, Tom helped lay the foundation for an innovative Presidential Pay at Risk Program, which put a portion of the president's salary at risk and payable only to the extent that relevant performance metrics were met; and

WHEREAS, Tom and his fellow board members committed to President Daniels' Purdue Moves, a range of initiatives designed to broaden the University's global impact and enhance educational opportunities for its students, investing in areas of strength in world-changing research, leadership in the STEM disciplines, and transformative education; and

WHEREAS, Tom and his fellow board members recognized the need for colleges and universities to make affordability a priority, leading to nine consecutive years (2013-22) without an increase in tuition at Purdue while continuing to invest in the important work and mission of the institution; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, Tom maintained oversight of the university's financial position and risk profile and provided guidance to enable university employees and others to submit information in a confidential and anonymous manner; and

WHEREAS, his service to Purdue included membership on the 2000-2007 Campaign for Purdue steering committee and the Purdue Athletic Advisory Council, while also serving on the executive committee of the Purdue Alumni Association Board of Directors and chairing its Strategic Planning Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Tom is a 1961 Distinguished Military Graduate of Purdue's industrial management undergraduate program and he went on to earn an MBA from Indiana University in 1966; and

WHEREAS, while a student, he was a manager for the Boilermaker football team and was active in the ROTC program; and

WHEREAS, Tom enlisted in the Army following graduation and went on to serve as a nuclear weapons officer and have an active role in some of the most classified activities in our nation's military history until his discharge in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Tom became an entrepreneur who succeeded in a variety of business opportunities, beginning with Cummins Engine Company, followed by the ownership and management of three companies: Gott Corporation of Winfield, Kansas; Cosco of Columbus, Indiana; and Lincoln Office of Peoria, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, he has served on various corporate and community boards and presently serves as a trustee on the Methodist Health Services Corporation board in Peoria, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, he was selected to the 2014 Old Masters program and invited to share his significant success and experiences with students to inspire their own future success as Boilermakers; and

WHEREAS, Tom was an inaugural member of the Columbus High School Hall of Fame in 2013, a class which included fellow Boilermakers Ray Eddy and “Dutch” Fehring; and

WHEREAS, Tom received the President’s Council Distinguished Pinnacle Award in 2002; Purdue Athletics Diamond “P” Award in 2005; Purdue Alumni Citizenship Award in 2008; Krannert School of Management Distinguished Alumni Award and Phi Gamma Delta Distinguished Fiji Award in 2015; and Legends Award from the National Football Foundation in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Tom has been a fervent supporter of Purdue Athletics, endowing a scholarship for the men’s and women’s golf programs and investing in student-athletes as a longstanding member of the John Purdue Club; and

WHEREAS, Tom’s generous contributions to the University resulted in the construction of Hanley Hall on the Purdue campus and in three facilities bearing his name — the Tom Spurgeon Golf Training Center, the Spurgeon Hall of Spirit in the Dauch Alumni Center, and the Spurgeon Club at Mackey Arena; and

WHEREAS, Tom attended countless commencement ceremonies as a member of the platform party, proudly observing as thousands of students walked across the stage in Elliott Hall of Music to receive their Purdue diplomas and become fellow alumni; and

WHEREAS, Tom served as president of the Purdue Alumni Club of Peoria, Illinois, and chairman of the Purdue Alumni Club of Central Illinois, and he continues to be active with his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, and

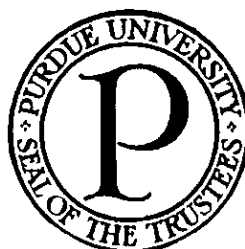
WHEREAS, Thomas E. Spurgeon will step down from the Purdue University Board of Trustees on June 30, 2020;

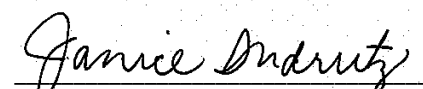
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Thomas E. Spurgeon’s 15-year tenure as a board member; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Tom for his generosity, loyalty, and service to Purdue University; and
3. That Tom is to be congratulated and thanked for his tremendous and passionate contributions to his alma mater; and
4. That his many achievements are part of the great, permanent history of Purdue and will never be forgotten; and
5. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees as part of the permanent record of Purdue University for all to witness.

**JUNE 11, 2020**

  
Michael R. Berghoff, Chairman



  
Janice A. Indrutz, Secretary