
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR NASSER H. PAYDAR

WHEREAS, Nasser H. Paydar served as the fifth chancellor of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and executive vice president of Indiana University from 2015 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, under Nasser's leadership, IUPUI expanded its footprint in downtown Indianapolis as part of its strong research emphasis and grew to include more than 550 undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs from Indiana University and Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, Nasser's leadership at IUPUI – as well as at Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus and Indiana University East – emphasized turning the campuses into more welcoming, diverse and inclusive places, enabling faculty, staff and students to achieve at the highest levels; and

WHEREAS, Nasser provided strategic vision and planning that have ensured progress on every campus he served, including at IUPUI where he led the process of planning and implementing the strategic plan titled "Our Commitment to Indiana and Beyond," which worked to strengthen the campus community through student success, academic excellence, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Nasser put student success at the forefront and focused on creating opportunities for underrepresented students to pursue higher education; and

WHEREAS, during Nasser's tenure, IUPUI saw enhanced student life opportunities and increases in on-campus housing and residential programs with the construction and renovation of residence halls on campus; and

WHEREAS, Nasser supported and encouraged colleagues as they developed creative ways to contribute to and improve the institution through long-term campus-wide projects such as the Welcoming Campus Initiative and the multifaceted campaign to combat systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, Nasser formed and strengthened meaningful partnerships with business and civic leaders in Indianapolis that resulted in new opportunities for research collaborations, as well as supporting student success through new scholarship and internship programs; and

WHEREAS, Nasser joined IUPUI in 1985 as an assistant professor of mechanical engineering in the Purdue University School of Engineering and Technology and rose to professor emeritus, serving as principal investigator on grants totaling more than \$1 million with publications in numerous peer-reviewed scientific journals; and

WHEREAS, from 1989 to 2003, Nasser served as chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, associate dean for graduate programs, associate dean for academic programs, and executive associate dean in the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology; and

WHEREAS, from 2012 to 2015, Nasser served as executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer at IUPUI; and

WHEREAS, Nasser was responsible for IUPUC as vice chancellor and dean from 2004 to 2007 and served as chancellor of IU East from 2007 to 2012; and

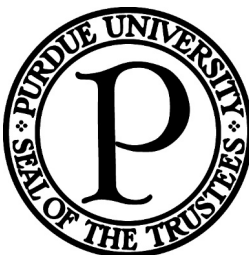
WHEREAS, Nasser is regarded for having a steady hand and working efficiently, effectively and with integrity;


BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Nasser H. Paydar as chancellor of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Nasser for his loyalty and service to Purdue University; and
3. That Nasser is to be congratulated and thanked for his tremendous contributions to our University; and
4. That his 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 Trustees as part of the permanent record of the University.

APRIL 8, 2022


Michael R. Berghoff
Chairman




Janice A. Indrutz
Secretary