

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MITCHELL E. DANIELS, JR.**

WHEREAS, Mitch Daniels served as the 12th president of Purdue University from 2013 to 2022, following two terms as the 49th governor of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Purdue enjoyed unprecedented growth of its student body – eight straight record enrollments, including 50,884 in 2022-23 – and faculty, as well as heightened rankings across the board for the university, its colleges and programs; and

WHEREAS, Mitch made student affordability and student success top priorities, pledging to keep a Purdue education within reach for students and families – providing higher education at the highest proven value; and

WHEREAS, thanks to bold and innovative moves like an 11-year commitment to no tuition or fee increases and a decrease in room and board rates, Purdue students and their families collectively saved more than \$1 billion, and 60,000 students – eight graduating classes – never experienced a tuition increase; and

WHEREAS, investments in student success and STEM research have undergone unprecedented growth; and

WHEREAS, Purdue launched Purdue Moves in 2013 and Purdue’s Next Moves in 2021 – two series of distinct strategic initiatives designed to advance the university’s competitive advantage in its continuing quest for leadership among the world’s top research and teaching institutions; and

WHEREAS, to support student growth, Purdue added hundreds of faculty members – including one of the university’s largest hiring initiatives in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Purdue reimaged the School of Management into a new School of Business that will redefine the preparation of business leaders for today’s technology-driven world and tomorrow’s unknowns; and

WHEREAS, Mitch advocated for numerous transformative education initiatives, including Degree-in-3 programs across campus, a civics literacy requirement and assessment of the growth in critical thinking for all students; and

WHEREAS, Purdue experienced record growth in fundraising, including the Ever True campaign – raising more than \$2.5 billion – and the launch of Purdue Day of Giving, an annual celebration that achieved record donors and donations each year since 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mitch oversaw expansion of the campus physical plant, including over a half billion dollars in recent facility improvement projects – among them the Wilmeth Active Learning Center, Dudley Hall and Lambertus Hall, the David and Bonnie Brunner Purdue Veterinary Medical Hospital Complex, Chaney-Hale Hall of Science, College of Agricultural and Biological Engineering building renovation, Hagle Hall, Schleman Hall of Student Services and Stewart Center renovations, and the High-Speed Propulsion Laboratory – as well as the transformation of the State Street corridor; and

WHEREAS, Mitch conceived and championed for the growth and expansion of Discovery Park District at Purdue – leading to new vital partnerships with and corporate locations for Rolls-Royce, Saab, Schweitzer Engineering Labs, SkyWater Technology, MediaTek, among others, along with record innovation and commercialization activity, including growth in patents and startups based on Purdue faculty and student research and discovery; and

WHEREAS, Purdue expanded its land-grant mission with the creation of Purdue Global in 2018, giving working adults the opportunity to earn academic credentials from a proven, trusted name brand in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Purdue created a pipeline to the university, specifically for urban Hoosier students who are underserved by traditional high schools and underrepresented in higher education, with the establishment of Purdue Polytechnic High Schools in 2017 – now three schools strong in Indianapolis and South Bend; and

WHEREAS, Purdue and Indiana University took the first steps on a bold new vision for higher education in Indianapolis – transforming IUPUI into separate academic organizations in which Indiana and Purdue will each govern their own programs – designed to increase the number of job-ready graduates in an innovation-led economy, fuel economic growth in the region and the state, and enhance service to the Indianapolis community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Mitch’s advocacy, and persistence early on for committing to return to in-person classes in Fall 2020 – based on the very best available science and public health guidelines – led to the ambitious and comprehensive Protect Purdue Plan that set the standard for United States universities reopening safely for in-person learning; and

WHEREAS, Mitch demonstrated a commitment to Freedom of Expression, with Purdue becoming the first public institution of higher education to adopt a free speech policy called the “Chicago principles”; and

WHEREAS, Purdue is an institution that people want to associate with, ignited by an ever-growing reputation – including being voted America’s No. 4 most trusted public university and a top 10 public university in the country in 2022; and

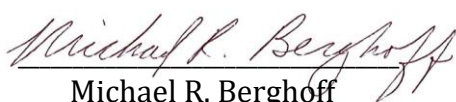
WHEREAS, in recognition of his leadership as both a governor and a university president, Mitch was named among the Top 50 World Leaders by Fortune Magazine in 2015 and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2019; and

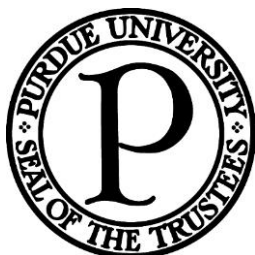
WHEREAS, Mitch is a contributing columnist in the Washington Post and the author of three books, including “Keeping the Republic: Saving America by Trusting Americans”;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the unprecedented and enduring impact of Mitch Daniels as president of Purdue University; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Mitch for his loyalty and service to Purdue; and
3. That Mitch 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.

DECEMBER 2, 2022

  
Michael R. Berghoff  
Chairman



  
Cindy Ream  
Secretary