

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MARK T. GEE
PURDUE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 2023**

WHEREAS, Mark T. Gee was appointed to the Purdue University Board of Trustees by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb on June 28, 2021, to serve a two-year term as the 24th student trustee; and

WHEREAS, Mark served as the voice of the Purdue University student body as a voting member of the Board, serving on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Physical Facilities Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board observed Mark to be reflective, conscientious and articulate, while aspiring to understand the diverse range of student perspectives on campus and ensuring all voices of Purdue were represented in board discussions, a role at which he excelled during the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Mark and his fellow board members kept moving Purdue to ever higher levels of excellence with major initiatives such as the Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. School of Business, Purdue University in Indianapolis, Purdue Computes, Transformative Education 2.0 and Plant Sciences 2.0, along with approving ongoing tuition freezes, further enrollment growth and expansions of the campus physical plant; and

WHEREAS, Mark created and hosted the first Honors Alumni panel, which helps undergraduate students learn from the experience of successful alumni; and

WHEREAS, Mark has served on Purdue Space Day and been involved with the Purdue World Food Prize Youth Institute and the Reading is Leading program for elementary school students; and

WHEREAS, Mark has sung in the Purdue All Campus Community Choir and served as the graduate student social chair for agricultural and biological engineering; and

WHEREAS, Mark is a native of Johnston, Iowa, who attained the rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Mark was a Beering Scholar and selected to Mortar Board as a Purdue undergraduate student, graduating in 2019 with three bachelor's degrees in biological engineering, biochemistry and agronomy; and

WHEREAS, Mark earned a Master of Science degree in agricultural and biological engineering in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mark is pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy degree in plant genetics and aspires to engineer sustainable biological systems through the development of plants and environmentally friendly technology;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Mark T. Gee's tenure as the student trustee; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Mark for his loyalty and service to Purdue University; and
3. That Mark 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 for all to witness.