

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DEBBIE HOHLT

WHEREAS, Debbie Hohlt represented Purdue University in its federal government relations efforts under Presidents Mitch Daniels and Mung Chiang from 2013-25; and

WHEREAS, through her tireless efforts to understand and master key policy issues affecting the university and its students — not to mention strong communication skills, networking ability and personal integrity — Debbie consistently connected Purdue with decision-makers and thought leaders in ways that furthered Purdue's ability to advance its land-grant mission; and

WHEREAS, Debbie was responsible for establishing Purdue's federal relations office in Washington, D.C., under President Daniels, playing an essential role in communicating to policymakers the university's commitment to affordability, accessibility and innovation — thus aiding Purdue's emergence as a model of "higher education at the highest proven value"; and

WHEREAS, Debbie helped shape the effort to launch the Back a Boiler program, working with Purdue Research Foundation and policy experts to take the concept of income share agreements from a policy idea proposed by President Daniels on Capitol Hill to a new way for students and their families to pay for a Purdue education; and

WHEREAS, Debbie helped chart the course of obtaining regulatory support for Purdue's acquisition of Kaplan University and subsequent launch of Purdue Global; and

WHEREAS, Debbie helped Purdue navigate COVID-19 by monitoring key federal legislative and regulatory developments that affected the university's ability to reopen and remain operational throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Debbie brought great support to bear through her team, including Jordan Wicker and Annie Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, as reflection of her dedication to service, Debbie graciously supported Purdue in its transition to a new federal relations team after announcing her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Debbie's career has also been marked by distinguished service to Indiana, having served as the federal relations liaison for state government under the administrations of both Governors Mitch Daniels and Eric Holcomb;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

Chairman

- 1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Debbie Hohlt's work on behalf of Purdue University in our nation's capital; and
- 2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Debbie for her loyalty and service to Purdue University; and
- 3. That Debbie is to be congratulated and thanked for her tremendous contributions to our University; and
- 4. That her 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.

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Cindy Ream Secretary