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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR KAREN PLAUT**

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WHEREAS, Karen Plaut made outstanding and multifaceted contributions to Purdue University in the College of Agriculture and as executive vice president for research; and

WHEREAS, Karen came to Purdue in 2010 as associate dean for research for the College of Agriculture, was named senior associate dean of research and faculty affairs in 2013, became the Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture in 2018, and was named executive vice president for research in 2023; and

WHEREAS, with a focus on digital agriculture and data science, the College of Agriculture ranking rose to No. 4 in the United States and No. 8 in the world; and

WHEREAS, under Karen’s leadership, the Purdue Moves and Next Moves investments in the Institute for Plant Sciences positioned the university as a global leader in developing and delivering innovation, technology and human capacity in plant phenomics, digital forestry and consumer behavior; and

WHEREAS, Karen pioneered Purdue’s efforts in the Institute for Physical AI, the Purdue Applied Research Institute and One Health; and

WHEREAS, Karen created partnerships with national labs, the Department of Defense, and the Indianapolis ecosystem and industry leaders in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Karen launched dozens of impactful efforts to support research by faculty, staff, graduate and PhD students; and

WHEREAS, Karen activated both new software and AI tools and hardware infrastructure for nearly every department and every research institute and center on campus; and

WHEREAS, Karen’s leadership yielded record-level funding throughout the sponsored research pipeline as she helped enhance the very culture of research excellence at scale for Purdue; and

WHEREAS, Karen fostered an environment for research and collaboration by helping to build interdisciplinary relationships between researchers for broader impact; and

WHEREAS, Karen’s successes also were evident in the continued growth of Purdue’s research portfolio, which surpassed \$3 billion in fiscal year 2024; and

WHEREAS, Karen developed or relaunched programs aimed at providing internal funding to seed research, increased support for large multidisciplinary grants, streamlined processes and incentivized faculty success; and

WHEREAS, with a selfless, diligent and inspiring approach in leading a complex college and offices within our university, Karen established a lasting imprint, positioning her teams to develop and perform at high degrees of excellence; and


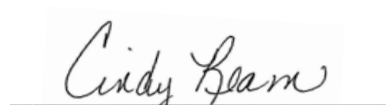
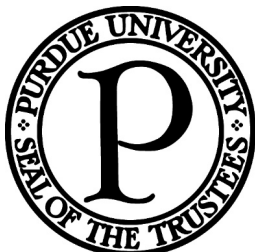
WHEREAS, as a researcher at heart, Karen has approximately 100 publications focused on mammary gland biology and received funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation and NASA; and

WHEREAS, Karen completed her postdoctoral studies at the National Cancer Institute at NIH and worked with NASA as lead scientist for the International Space Station Biological Research Project;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Karen Plaut’s tenure as associate dean for research for the College of Agriculture, senior associate dean of research and faculty affairs, the Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture and executive vice president for research; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Karen for her loyalty and service to Purdue University; and
3. That Karen 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.

JUNE 6, 2025

  
Gary J. Lehman  
Chairman  
Cindy Ream  
Secretary