

## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MICHAEL R. BERGHOFF**

WHEREAS, Michael R. Berghoff has served on the Purdue University Board of Trustees for the past 15 years and has served as its chair since 2015; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as trustee, Mike has also served as chair of the board's physical facilities committee, as the board's liaison to the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, as chair of the Board of Trustees of Purdue University Global, and as a member of the inaugural Board of Managers of Purdue Applied Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, Mike has provided indispensable governance in leading the university through unprecedented growth and success while guiding it through significant challenges in the higher education landscape and keeping it operational through a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Mike's strategic thinking, team building, tireless work ethic and self-effacing humor have consistently helped translate thoughtful deliberation to action-oriented execution; and

WHEREAS, during his service on the board, Mike and his fellow trustees recognized the need for colleges and universities to make affordability a top priority, leading to 13 consecutive years (2013-26) without a tuition increase at Purdue while continuing to invest in the important work and land-grant mission of the institution; and

WHEREAS, during Mike's tenure, Purdue experienced new heights in enrollment, national and global rankings, and research breakthroughs, while two presidents, several deans, key administrators and numerous faculty members joined the university — all helping to raise Purdue's reputation and standing among the world's top institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mike and his fellow board members committed to the launch of bold, impactful initiatives through Purdue Moves in 2013, Purdue's Next Moves in 2021, Purdue Computes in 2023, and Purdue One Health in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mike promoted the design and creation of the Giant Leaps Master Plan in 2018 – focusing on strategic investments in teaching, research and collaboration spaces; facility renovations; housing and dining investments; open space connectivity and campus circulation; and the campus identity and gateways – with the goal of laying the foundation for the next 50 years of giant leaps; and

WHEREAS, during Mike's time on the board, Purdue enjoyed record innovation and commercialization activity, record fundraising and the significant growth of the physical plant in West Lafayette, across Indiana and beyond; formed new, vital partnerships, including with Rolls-Royce, Saab, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories and SK hynix; and secured the return of commercial air service and a planned new terminal for Purdue University Airport; and

WHEREAS, Mike drove a comprehensive marketing plan to further enhance the university's iconic brand and helped guide the launch of Purdue for Life Foundation to coordinate alumni engagement, development and stewardship activities under a unified "One Purdue" banner; and

WHEREAS, Mike and his fellow board members also recognized the importance of broadening the university's land-grant mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> century through the acquisition and launch of Purdue Global, Purdue's online university for working adults; and

WHEREAS, Mike and his fellow board members oversaw the launch of Purdue's expansion into Indianapolis with its first comprehensive urban campus in our capital city—a transformational initiative designed to spur economic growth, brain gain and job creation for the state of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Mike served as chair of the 2012 presidential search committee, chair of the 2016 search committee for the director of intercollegiate athletics, and a member of the Purdue Research Foundation Board and Purdue Fort Wayne transition team; and

WHEREAS, Mike, who was a member of the football team during his time as a student-athlete at Purdue, played an integral role as trustee in navigating numerous Purdue Athletics issues, and he celebrated with Boilermakers worldwide when the men's basketball team reached the 2024 NCAA Tournament's national championship game; and

WHEREAS, Mike is founder and president of the Lenex Steel Corporation, headquartered in Indianapolis and the largest steel fabricator in the region, which donated fabrication and the installation of the Tyler Trent Student Gate at Ross-Ade Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Mike is currently a member of the board of directors for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and has been inducted into the Boiler Business Exchange of Indianapolis Hall of Fame in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mike has held many leadership positions in community and professional organizations, having served as president of the Purdue Theta Chi alumni corporation, president of St. Simon the Apostle Parish, a member of the Cathedral High School board of directors and chairman of the board of directors for the Young Presidents' Organization; and

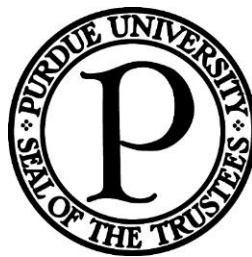
WHEREAS, Mike earned a bachelor's degree in industrial management in 1985 from Purdue, where he served as chairman of the Purdue Student Publishing Foundation and president of Theta Chi fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mike has been called "the most committed, selfless Boilermaker in all of Boiler Nation" and "one of the best Boilermakers ever";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Michael R. Berghoff's tenure as a board member and chairman; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Mike for his generosity, loyalty and service to Purdue University; and
3. That Mike is to be congratulated and thanked for his tremendous contributions to our University; and
4. That his many 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 13, 2024



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Gary J. Lehman  
Vice Chairman

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Cindy Ream  
Secretary