

**RESOLUTION HONORING 2018 WILLIAM H. RUFFNER MEDAL RECIPIENT  
LEON P. HARRIS '64**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Tech is very proud to recognize among its most esteemed alumni Mr. Leon P. Harris, a member of the class of 1964, who received his bachelor of science degree in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Tech, and who has been a loyal and enthusiastic volunteer and supporter of the university; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Harris has garnered prestige throughout his long and distinguished professional career in the engineering and manufacturing industries, including service at General Electric, Tele-Path Instruments, Waynesboro Broadcasting, and most recently at the helm of Keltech, Inc., an electronic contract manufacturing company based in Roanoke, Virginia, valuing the influence in his life of Virginia Tech, with its emphasis on the ideals of leadership, loyalty, service and Ut Prosim – *That I Might Serve*; and

**WHEREAS**, Leon Harris has had an extensive tenure of service and continued engagement at Virginia Tech, serving on the board of the W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake and the board of Virginia Tech Intellectual Properties; being a member-advocate of Hokies for Higher Education; leading an exceptional fundraising effort as co-chairman of the Roanoke Regional Campaign Steering Committee of the Campaign for Virginia Tech: Invent the Future and as co-chairman of the philanthropy committee for the Virginia Tech Carilion Health Science & Technology Campus Initiative, among other volunteer leadership roles; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Harris has for many years participated actively in the university community, which inspired him to create a wide variety of educational opportunities for Virginia Tech students, as well as a variety of initiatives that impact the local community and region through his support of the College of Engineering, the Corps of Cadets, the Moss Arts Center, Intercollegiate Athletics, the W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake, the Taubman Museum of Art, and many other university initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, consistently providing volunteer leadership and philanthropic support across the breadth of the university, Leon Harris is an inspirational example of how a meaningful life is achieved not only through personal success, but also in service to others; and

**WHEREAS**, the extraordinary generosity of Mr. Harris has allowed him and his wife, Beverly, to be recognized as President's Circle members of the Ut Prosim Society, the university's most prestigious donor recognition society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in recognition of Mr. Harris's many years of leadership and notable service to the university and to his community, the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University confers upon Leon P. Harris its highest award, the 2018 William H. Ruffner Medal.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the resolution conferring the 2018 William H. Ruffner Medal to Leon P. Harris be approved.

November 6, 2017

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
2018 UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT  
LYNNE M. DOUGHTIE '85**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Lynne M. Doughtie is a 1985 graduate of Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the Pamplin College of Business; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Doughtie has demonstrated the value of her Virginia Tech education, applying her expertise globally as a highly respected and prominent figure in professional tax, audit, and advisory services, and is hailed as one of the nation's most important leaders in this field; and

**WHEREAS**, commencing her career in 1985 in KPMG's Audit practice, Mrs. Doughtie has had a long, distinguished, and exemplary career that serves as a testament to her personal drive and skill as a leader, collaborator, and strategist; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Doughtie has made significant contributions to the world at large, being named the first female U. S. Chairman and CEO of KPMG in 2015, in addition to holding numerous regional, national, and global leadership roles, including lead partner for several of KPMG's major clients, and has been recognized nationally and internationally; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Doughtie personifies the university motto, *Ut Prosim*, selflessly serving the world, her country, her community, and her alma mater through visionary leadership that focuses on advancing more women in the C-Suite, sharing her expertise with her alma mater, and inspiring individuals to develop broad relationships and hone interpersonal skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Doughtie has continued to serve the university as a trusted advisor on the Pamplin Accounting and Information Systems Advisory Board, the Pamplin Advisory Council, and as a part of the Pamplin College of Business Wachovia Distinguished Speaker Series in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, among her most prestigious honors, Mrs. Doughtie has been recognized as one of the "Most Powerful Women in Business," "Top 100 Influential People," and a "Woman of Achievement"; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Doughtie maintains a strong connection to the Hokie Nation along with her husband, James Benjamin Doughtie '82, and their children, Schuyler '13 and Evie '16;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, with great pride and in recognition of her professional accomplishments, service, leadership, and commitment to making the world a better place in ways that bring honor to her profession and to her alma mater, the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University confers the University Distinguished Achievement Award for 2018 to Lynne M. Doughtie.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the resolution conferring the 2018 University Distinguished Achievement Award to Mrs. Lynne M. Doughtie be approved.

November 6, 2017