

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE BIOCOMPLEXITY INSTITUTE PHASES I & II FOR
PRESIDENT EMERITUS CHARLES W. STEGER, JR.**

WHEREAS, Charles W. Steger, Jr. is a proud member of the Virginia Tech class of 1969, receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees in Architecture in 1970 and 1971 respectively, and his doctorate in engineering in 1978 from the university; and

WHEREAS, Charles Steger has spent virtually his entire career at Virginia Tech with the roles of faculty member and then Dean of the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, Acting Vice President for Public Service, Vice President for Development and University Relations, and President of the university, a role he assumed in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Steger was one of the longest serving and most consequential presidential leaders in the history of the university, standing at the helm of the institution from January of 2000 through May of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Charles Steger's leadership has been defined as outstanding, visionary, and productive, advancing Virginia Tech's position and its ability to serve the commonwealth on many levels; and

WHEREAS, the Steger presidency encompassed a pledge to focus on research, economic development and outreach, partnerships with other universities and the private sector, and innovations in information technology among other priorities; and

WHEREAS, President Steger charted a course to bolster the research enterprise and compete among the nation's elite universities, increasing the university's research portfolio by more than \$250 million and adding almost three million square feet of buildings during his presidency; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Steger oversaw the creation of broad-based research institutes capable of garnering large-scale, multidisciplinary sponsored research grants, with university sponsored research growing from \$192 million in 2000 to more than \$450 million in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Charles Steger adopted a business model that invested in seven large centralized institutes: Virginia Tech Transportation Institute; Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Sciences; Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute; Virginia Bioinformatics Institute (now known as the Biocomplexity Institute); Fralin Life Sciences Institute; Institute for Society, Culture and Environment; and the Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology, all of which allowed Virginia Tech to compete for and win large-scale multidisciplinary contracts; and

WHEREAS, upon completing his presidential role in 2014, Dr. Steger was named President Emeritus and continues to serve Virginia Tech as the Executive Director of

the university's Global Forum on Urban and Regional Resilience (GFURR), leading Virginia Tech and partner organizations in developing an expanded knowledge base on infrastructural resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Biocomplexity Institute is a research institute dedicated to finding answers to pressing challenges to human health, habitat, and well-being and is comprised of state-of-the-art bioinformatics, computational, and laboratory facilities to enable the institute to generate, interpret, and apply vast amounts of data from basic research to some of today's key challenges in the biomedical, environmental, and agricultural sciences; and

WHEREAS, Charles Steger is a Professor of Architecture and Distinguished Fellow on the faculty of the Biocomplexity Institute, which has secured well over \$100 million in external research funding since its founding, due in large part to his efforts and influence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in acknowledgement of the service and legacy of Dr. Charles W. Steger, Jr. as the university's 15th president, and in recognition of a leadership era that will rank him as one of Virginia Tech's most impactful leaders, Phases I & II of the facility that collectively houses the Biocomplexity Institute located at 1015 Life Science Circle on the campus of Virginia Tech be henceforth known as Steger Hall.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming Biocomplexity Institute Phases I & II as Steger Hall for President Emeritus Charles W. Steger, Jr. be approved.

August 29, 2016

RESOLUTION ON NAMING THE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY IN GOODWIN HALL ROOM #296 FOR GREGORY J. ('87) AND ITSUKO W. HERREMA

WHEREAS, Gregory J. Herrema graduated from Virginia Tech in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and later earned his MBA from Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, Greg Herrema currently serves as Senior Vice President and President of Customer Channels at Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, with the full support of and participation from his wife, Itsuko W. Herrema, Greg offers volunteer service to the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc. as a member of its Board of Directors and Advancement Committee; and

WHEREAS, Greg and Itsuko Herrema have been recognized as members of the Caldwell Society for their philanthropy to the university to include support for the College of Engineering and the Alumni Association, and with considerable support provided to Goodwin Hall; and

WHEREAS, Greg and Itsuko Herrema have been, and continue to be, valued members of the university community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Greg and Itsuko Herrema and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, the Laboratory housed in Goodwin Hall Room 296, will be henceforth known as the Greg and Itsuko Herrema Chemical Engineering Laboratory.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming the Greg and Itsuko Herrema Chemical Engineering Laboratory be approved.

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