

## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING STEVE W. STURGIS**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Steve Sturgis has been a member of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for the past four years in his capacity as president of the Virginia Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sturgis is an alumnus of the Class of 1982, having earned his bachelor's degree from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and,

**WHEREAS**, an entrepreneur, Mr. Sturgis began his own farm in 1979, and took over the family farm, Tri-S Farms in Eastville, Virginia, in 2002, modernizing operations and doubling its size over the past 15 years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sturgis served on both the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors, bringing valuable insight to the Board in support of the university's land-grant mission and commitment to Virginia's agriculture industry; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sturgis has served the Commonwealth as a game warden for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and as a deputy for the Northampton County Sheriff's Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sturgis has served on many professional boards and civic organizations, including the Virginia Agribusiness Council, the Northampton County Farm Bureau, and the Eastville Volunteer Fire Company; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Board have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Steve and his wife, Sherrill, and have enjoyed their company at Board meetings, football games, and other university events;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University hereby extend their sincere appreciation to Mr. Steve W. Sturgis for his outstanding loyalty and devoted service, and for his faithful dedication to the university and its missions.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the resolution recognizing Mr. Steve Sturgis for his service as a member of the Board of Visitors be approved.

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