

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING DEBORAH MARTIN PETRINE

WHEREAS, Ms. Deborah Martin Petrine, an alumna of the Class of 1978 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Pamplin College of Business, was appointed by Governor McDonnell to the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in July 2011 and was reappointed for a second term in 2015 by Governor McAuliffe; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Petrine dedicated eight years of service in support of the Board of Visitors, having served as member and chair of the former Finance and Audit Committee, member of the Executive Committee and former Academic Affairs Committee, and chair of the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, most notably, Ms. Petrine was the first woman to be elected Rector of the Board, a position she held from 2014 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, a staunch supporter of higher education and Virginia Tech, Ms. Petrine was named the first chair for the Center for Gerontology Futures Board, and has served on Pamplin's Advisory Board for Management, and on the Boards of Directors for the Virginia Tech Foundation and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, where her expertise in health care proved highly valuable. Currently, she is a member of the Pamplin Advisory Council and the Roanoke Valley Hokie Club; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Petrine, was a first-generation college student who participated in a one-day typing project at Heritage Hall Healthcare and Rehabilitation only to become the CEO 20 years later. She went on to serve as co-founder and President of Colonial Care LLC, before founding Commonwealth Care of Roanoke Inc. in 2001, where she is currently Chairman and CEO; and

WHEREAS, a true personification of Ut Prosim, having served the state, her local community, and her alma mater steadfastly, Ms. Petrine was awarded the Pamplin Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Debbie and her husband, Jim, both football enthusiasts, 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 recognize Ms. Deborah Martin Petrine as the first woman Rector of the Board of Visitors and extend their sincere appreciation for her outstanding loyalty and devoted service, and for her faithful dedication to the university and its missions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution recognizing Deborah Martin Petrine for her service as a member and first woman Rector of the Board of Visitors be approved.

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