

**RESOLUTION HONORING
2022 UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT
HODA KOTB**

WHEREAS, Ms. Hoda Kotb is a 1986 alumna of Virginia Tech, having received a bachelor's degree in Communication from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kotb has demonstrated the value of her Virginia Tech education, applying her expertise globally as a highly respected and prominent figure in broadcast journalism who is hailed as one of the nation's most prominent talents in this field. Her long, distinguished, and exemplary career serves as a testament to her personal drive and skill as a leader, collaborator, strategist, and innovator, whose persistence, personality and expertise took her from a local affiliate in Greenville, Mississippi, to the anchor desk of the Today Show at NBC in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hoda Kotb has made significant contributions to the world at large, holding court with world leaders, Olympic stars, dignitaries, Hollywood legends, and people from all walks of life in addition to receiving numerous professional recognitions of her work and efforts in the field of journalism; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kotb 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 women, inspiring girls and young ladies, and encouraging others to pursue their best selves through education and exploration of new opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kotb is an accomplished author, humanitarian, and influencer, and has continued to serve the university since her days as a Student Alumni Associate, student employee of WUVT radio, and member of the Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Chi Greek societies, to serving post-graduation as a member of the Communication Alumni Advisory Board and the Virginia Tech Alumni Association Board of Directors, co-host for the 2007 *Invent the Future* Campaign Kickoff, and previous University Commencement Speaker; and

WHEREAS, tremendous ambassador for her beloved alma mater, Hoda Kotb never misses an opportunity to demonstrate her Hokie Pride and maintains a strong connection to the Hokie Nation, celebrating Virginia Tech's place in the world with her national audience;

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 2022 to Hoda Kotb.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution conferring the 2022 University Distinguished Achievement Award to Ms. Hoda Kotb be approved.

April 4, 2022

**RESOLUTION HONORING
2022 UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT
REGINA E. DUGAN '84, '85**

WHEREAS, Ms. Regina E. Dugan is an esteemed alumna of Virginia Tech, having received both a Bachelor of Science degree and Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the College of Engineering in 1984 and 1985, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dugan has demonstrated the value of her Virginia Tech education, applying her expertise globally as a highly respected and prominent leader in innovation and technology development, being hailed as one of the nation's most important leaders in this field; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dugan 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, serving as the first female director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), followed by senior executive roles at Google, Facebook, and Motorola where she led skunkworks labs focused on developing futuristic technologies; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dugan has made significant contributions to the world at large, with extensive contributions to the United States military, including leading a counterterrorism task force for the Deputy Secretary of Defense, serving as special advisor to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, completing a "Quick Reaction Study on Countermine" for Operation Enduring Freedom, serving on the Naval Research Advisory Committee, and participating on the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and Technology panel, among other numerous national and international recognitions of her efforts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dugan continues to have a transformational global impact, currently serving as Chief Executive Officer of Wellcome Leap, overseeing programs that deliver scientific breakthroughs in human health with emphasis on pandemics, cancer, mental health and other areas that will benefit humankind for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dugan personifies the university motto, *Ut Prosim*, selflessly serving the world, her country, her community, and her alma mater, particularly as a trusted advisor to Virginia Tech's Innovation Campus Advisory Board;

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 2022 to Regina E. Dugan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution conferring the 2022 University Distinguished Achievement Award to Ms. Regina E. Dugan be approved.

April 4, 2022

**RESOLUTION HONORING
2022 UT PROSIM MEDAL RECIPIENT NICHOLAS D. STREET '53**

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech is very proud to recognize among its most esteemed alumni Nicholas D. Street, a member of the class of 1953 who received his bachelor of science degree from the Pamplin College of Business and has been a loyal and enthusiastic volunteer and supporter of the university; and

WHEREAS, an individual of integrity, humility, fearlessness and solid work ethic, Mr. Street values the influence of Virginia Tech in his life with its emphasis on the ideals of leadership, loyalty, service and Ut Prosim – *That I May Serve*. Mr. Street was a proud member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, where he gained the invaluable life traits of scholarship, service, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, following honorable service in the United States Air Force as a pilot with the aerial warfare branch, Nick Street applied his superior business acumen to become a servant leader in Southwest Virginia, garnering professional prestige throughout his long and distinguished career in the legal arena. He has served his Southwestern Virginia community as a prominent attorney with the Street Law Firm in addition to being the co-founder of The United Company, which has evolved from its origin of coal production to a base of diversified operations, including coal, oil and gas exploration services, investment management and real estate services; and

WHEREAS, Nick Street has had an extensive tenure of service and continued engagement at Virginia Tech, serving on the Class of '53 Reunion Committee, the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund Board of Directors, and the Corps Leadership and Military Science Committee, among other volunteer leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, Nick Street's many years of active participation in the university community have inspired his desire to create a wide variety of educational opportunities for Virginia Tech students while promoting his core values of service and hard work through his support of the Arts, the Pamplin College of Business, the Corps of Cadets, Intercollegiate Athletics, and many other university initiatives; and

WHEREAS, while very unassuming, Nick Street is a lion of a gentleman with human compassion and commitment to service, whose lifetime has been dedicated to delivering justice to those who could not easily attain it for themselves, building a strong family, giving back to his community, and serving those around him to make an impact both locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary generosity of Mr. Street has allowed him and his wife, Fay, to be recognized as members of the Ut Prosim Society at the President's Circle level, the university's most prestigious donor recognition society, in addition to being inaugural honorees of the university's Foremost Benefactors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Street's many years of leadership and notable service to the university and to his community and marking nearly seven decades since his graduation from the university, the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the institution's sesquicentennial year confers upon Nicholas D. Street, its highest award, the inaugural Ut Prosim Medal.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution conferring the 2022 Ut Prosim Medal to Nicholas D. Street be approved.

April 4, 2022