

**RESOLUTION CONFERRING
THE 2020 UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO
CHARLES W. PRYOR '66**

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles W. Pryor, Jr. is a three-degree graduate of Virginia Tech, having received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 1966, his master's degree in Engineering Science and Mechanics in 1968, and his Ph.D. in Structural Engineering in 1970, all from the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, hailed as a visionary in the global nuclear power industry, Dr. Pryor has demonstrated the value of his Virginia Tech education, applying his skills globally as a highly respected and innovative leader and exhibiting outstanding foresight and resolve; and

WHEREAS, a testament to his personal drive and skill, Dr. Pryor has had a long, distinguished, and exemplary career, much of which has been spent as a president or chief executive officer of leading energy companies making global impacts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pryor has made significant contributions to the industry and the world at large, sharing his knowledge and training new generations of energy leaders, for which he has received major honors that include his election to the National Academy of Engineering and his 1991 appointment as "Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite" by French President François Mitterand for developing cooperative business relationships between the United States and France; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pryor's genius in the field of nuclear energy has also been recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia, as evidenced by his being named Outstanding Industrialist of Year in 1993 by Governor Douglas Wilder and the Science Museum of Virginia for promoting cooperative programs between private enterprise and academia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pryor was inducted into the Virginia Tech Academy of Engineering Excellence in 2006 and personifies the university motto, *Ut Prosim*, selflessly serving the world, his country, his community, and his alma mater through his leadership as former Chairman of the Virginia Tech Foundation Board of Directors and member of the Civil Engineering Advisory Board, among other volunteer roles, and demonstrating his philanthropy through the creation of named endowments in Engineering and Athletics to support Virginia Tech students in attaining their educational and professional goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in recognition of Dr. Pryor's professional accomplishments, service, leadership, and commitment to making the world a better place in ways that bring honor to his profession and to his alma mater, the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University proudly confers the University Distinguished Achievement Award for 2020 to Dr. Charles W. Pryor, Jr.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution conferring the 2020 University Distinguished Achievement Award to Dr. Charles W. Pryor, Jr. be approved.

November 8, 2021