

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING MEHUL P. SANGHANI

WHEREAS, Mr. Mehul P. Sanghani, an alumnus of the Class of 1998, having earned a bachelor's degree in both Industrial Systems Engineering and Psychology, was appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2014, and was reappointed by Governor Ralph Northam in 2018; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, Mehul served as a member of the former Research Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee, as well as both member and Chair of the former Student Affairs and Athletics Committee and the Governance and Administration Committee. He was also a member of the task force that worked on the restructuring of the Board committees in 2017; and

WHEREAS, along with his dedication to the Board of Visitors, Mehul has provided service to the university as a member of the NCR Leadership Council, the Pamplin School of Business Advisory Board, the Pamplin Finance Advisory Board, and the Virginia Tech Science and Engineering Regional Growth Enterprise (VT-SERGE). Additionally, he has spoken at the Northern Virginia and the College of Engineering commencement ceremonies, and recently served as a panelist at a Sesquicentennial event in Washington, DC, on "Solving the Skills Gap in Tech: The Next 150 Years"; and

WHEREAS, Mehul and his wife, Hema, an alumna of the class of 1999, have been staunch and generous supporters of Virginia Tech throughout the years, their most recent gift being a \$10 million donation to support the opening of the Sanghani Center for Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics, the first academic building of the Innovation Campus, as well as the Market at Virginia Tech, a local food pantry to help combat food insecurity in the Blacksburg Community, and the football players' lounge; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Mehul and Hema 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. Mehul P. Sanghani for his outstanding loyalty and devoted service, and for his faithful dedication to the university and its missions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution recognizing Mehul P. Sanghani for his service as a member of the Board of Visitors be approved.

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