

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING PRESTON M. WHITE

WHEREAS, Mr. Preston M. White, an alumnus of the Class of 1962, having earned a bachelor's degree in Building Construction, was appointed by Governor Ralph Northam to the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2018; and

WHEREAS, during his four years on the Board, he served as a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Finance and Resource Management Committee; and

WHEREAS, Preston was already actively engaged at his alma mater long before his appointment to the Board of Visitors, having given very generously of his time and resources as a member of Virginia Tech's *Ut Prosim* Society and the Executive Council of the Myers-Lawson School of Construction; and

WHEREAS, Preston and his wife, Catharine, established the Preston and Catharine White Endowed Faculty Fellowship for the Myers-Lawson School of Construction in 2008, and assisted in the establishment of the Yvan Beliveau Endowed Fund for Excellence, which supported the creation of the Bishop-Favrao Build Lab that opened in 2013; and

WHEREAS, outside of the university, he has personified *Ut Prosim* by supporting his local community and the Commonwealth of Virginia as a member of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation HR Leadership Council, and the Board of Trustees for the New E3 School in Norfolk, Virginia. Additionally, Preston was also a member of the Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University, where he served as rector for three years; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Preston and Catharine, and have enjoyed their company at Board meetings, football and basketball 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. Preston M. White for his outstanding loyalty and devoted service, and for his faithful dedication to the university and its missions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution recognizing Preston M. White for his service as a member of the Board of Visitors be approved.

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