

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE LARGE ANIMAL LEARNING CENTER
OF THE VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
ON PLANTATION ROAD FOR DR. WILLIAM M. ETGEN**

WHEREAS, Dr. William M. Etgen was Professor and Undergraduate Coordinating Counselor in the Department of Dairy Science in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Etgen was awarded the Certificate of Teaching Excellence from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for his effectiveness in instruction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Etgen was inducted into the Virginia Tech Academy of Teaching Excellence in 1974 and awarded the Virginia Tech W. E. Wine Award for Teaching Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Etgen was an internationally renowned judge of dairy cattle; and

WHEREAS, one of the most successful judging team coaches in history, Dr. Etgen consistently finished in the top ten nationally, winning the national contest in 1980 with an undefeated team; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Etgen authored several textbooks on the feeding, management and selection of dairy cattle; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Etgen served as the advisor of the Dairy Club for nearly 20 years, during which time the club was selected as the Outstanding Dairy Club in the nation 10 times; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Etgen was honored by the Board of Visitors in 1993 with the naming of the Dairy Judging Pavilion, a facility later razed to make way for a new entrance to campus and facilitate the moving of the dairy to the Kentland property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as an enduring tribute to Dr. William M. Etgen, the newly constructed center on Plantation Road be named the Etgen Large Animal Learning Center.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming The Etgen Large Animal Learning Center on Plantation Road be approved.

November 16, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE FOOTBALL STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING AREA
FOR STEVEN E. JOHNSON '88
AND THE 1986 PEACH BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

WHEREAS, Steve Johnson has been a loyal supporter of the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund; and

WHEREAS, Steve Johnson has supported the Athletics Department with significant gifts to the Merryman Center, the Indoor Practice Facility and Steve Johnson Practice Fields, the Football Team Meeting Area, Football Enhancement and the Team First Club; and

WHEREAS, Steve Johnson is a Golden Benefactor with the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund and a President's Circle member with the University's Ut Prosim Society; and

WHEREAS, Steve Johnson made a leadership pledge to Intercollegiate Athletics for the Football Strength and Conditioning facility; and

WHEREAS, Steve Johnson was the starting tight end and prominent member of the 1986 Peach Bowl Championship football team and desires that this team and the first football bowl victory in Virginia Tech's history be recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in appreciation to Steve Johnson for his generosity towards Virginia Tech and the Department of Athletics, the new Football Strength and Conditioning/Weight Room Area be named in recognition of Steve Johnson and the 1986 Peach Bowl Championship Team.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming the Steve Johnson and the 1986 Peach Bowl Championship Team Strength and Conditioning Area be approved.

November 16, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE GREEN ROOF ATOP THE NEW ADDITION
(BUILDING #4) AT THE FRALIN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
FOR WILLIAM JACOB AND BARBARA BOYLE LEMON AND FAMILY**

WHEREAS, the William Jacob and Barbara Boyle Lemon family have been well known citizens and involved community leaders in Roanoke, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, William J. Lemon was born in Covington, Virginia, and completed his education at Washington and Lee University, earning both his undergraduate and law degrees; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lemon relocated to Roanoke, Virginia, in 1959 to practice law with Martin, Martin & Hopkins, now known as Martin, Hopkins & Lemon; and

WHEREAS, William and Barbara Lemon have been civic leaders who have thoughtfully and deliberately shared their time, talent and treasures throughout the Roanoke Valley with support for Center in the Square, Jefferson's Poplar Forest, the O. Winston Link Museum, the Community Foundation serving Western Virginia, the Taubman Museum of Art, the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy, Downtown Roanoke, Inc., and other local organizations; and

WHEREAS, William Lemon has also served as an elder and treasurer for the Second Presbyterian Church, as well as on the boards of trustees for North Cross School, Washington and Lee University, the Washington and Lee University Law Council, the George C. Marshall Foundation, the River Foundation, and the Taubman Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, the Lemon family has provided a significant gift in support of the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute, illustrating the commitment of local community members to the work of the VTC Health Sciences and Technology Campus in Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, William Lemon is a generous friend and philanthropist to Virginia Tech and the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute, for which he has been recognized as a President's Circle member of the Ut Prosim Society, the university's most prestigious recognition society, and the Green Roof would be a fitting tribute to honor the legacy of William and Barbara Lemon and the influence and investment of the Lemon family for current and future medical research and technological advances in the Roanoke Valley with enduring global impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as an enduring tribute to William J. and Barbara B. Lemon, the Green Roof atop Building #4 of the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute will be named the William Jacob and Barbara Boyle Lemon Family Garden Roof.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming the William Jacob and Barbara Boyle Lemon Family Garden Roof be approved.

November 16, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE HOSPITALITY AREA
IN THE STUDENT-ATHLETE PERFORMANCE CENTER
FOR THE JAMES “J.” AND RENAE PEARSON FAMILY**

WHEREAS, J. and Renae Pearson have been loyal supporters of the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund; and

WHEREAS, J. and Renae Pearson have supported the Athletics Department with major gifts to the Hokie Scholarship Fund, Indoor Practice Facility, Men’s Basketball Operations, Football Enhancement and the Team First Club, and the Lane Stadium West Side Suites; and

WHEREAS, J. and Renae Pearson are Silver Benefactors with the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund and are President’s Circle members with the University’s Ut Prosim Society; and

WHEREAS, J. and Renae Pearson have not only supported Virginia Tech Athletics, but also the university with significant gifts to Virginia Tech’s Corps of Cadets, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, J. and Renae Pearson gave the lead gift to Intercollegiate Athletics for the Student-Athlete Performance Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in appreciation to J. and Renae Pearson for their generosity towards Virginia Tech and the Department of Athletics, the hospitality area within the new Student-Athlete Performance Center be named The Pearson Family Hospitality Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming The Pearson Family Hospitality Area in the Student-Athlete Performance Center be approved.

November 16, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE SATELLITE GROUND NETWORK
IN DURHAM HALL ROOM 450
FOR AMIT ('99) AND KIMBERLY ('02) PURI**

WHEREAS, Amit and Kimberly N. Puri graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1999 and 2002, respectively, and subsequently earned a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 2000 and 2003, respectively; and they have spent the last two decades honing their business and strategy acumen from executive education programs at MIT Sloan, Harvard Business School, Chicago Booth, Dartmouth, Stanford, the University of Pennsylvania Wharton, Northwestern Kellogg's, the Brookings Institute and the Center for Creative Learning Institute; and

WHEREAS, Amit Puri currently serves as President and Founder of Puri Management Group and most recently served as the Chief Strategy Officer for Braxton Science & Technology Group. Prior to this role, Amit was the President and CEO of Ingenicomm, a pioneer of satellite ground hardware in the space industry, and is recognized worldwide as a satellite telemetry and command protocol expert; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly N. Puri currently serves as a subject matter expert in the space communications industry, and is a diplomat for the U.S. Department of State representing our nation in the area of secure satellite communications driving operations and collaboration with foreign governments; and

WHEREAS, Amit Puri currently serves on the Space@VT Advisory Board and the Engineering Committee of 100, and formerly served on the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Advisory Committee, in addition to supporting other corporate and non-profit boards; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly N. Puri serves on the Engineering Committee of 100 and leads mentorship of women in engineering within the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Amit and Kimberly N. Puri have been recognized as Pylon Society members and as Benefactors of the Ut Prosim Society for their philanthropy to the university, which includes support for the College of Engineering, the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Space@VT, with considerable support provided to the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Amit and Kimberly N. Puri have been, and continue to be, valued members of the university community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Amit and Kimberly N. Puri and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, room 450 of Durham Hall and the ancillary support network, will be known as the Puri Satellite Ground Network.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming The Puri Satellite Ground Network be approved.

November 16, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO NAME BURCHARD HALL JOINT CLASSROOMS 106 AND 107
FOR TRIMBLE INC.**

WHEREAS, Trimble Inc. is a generous supporter of the students, faculty, and programs at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Trimble Inc. is a successful organization that has provided philanthropic funding to the university in the form of a technology lab that will provide students and faculty in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies access to state-of-the-art hardware and software, and create opportunities for cross-disciplinary research and learning; and

WHEREAS, the Trimble Inc. lab space provides new, cutting-edge technology that will distinguish the college's efforts in smart design and construction and be integral to CAUS digital initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Trimble Inc. has become and intends to continue as a valued partner of the university;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in acknowledgement of the generosity of Trimble Inc. and in recognition of new and future benefits to the university, adjoining classrooms 106/107 in Burchard Hall will be known as the Trimble Technology Lab for a period of five (5) years commencing January 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming adjoining classrooms 106 and 107 in Burchard Hall as the Trimble Technology Lab be approved for a period of five years commencing January 2021.

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