

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING MICHAEL J. QUILLEN

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael J. Quillen, an alumnus of Virginia Tech with bachelor's and master's degrees in Civil Engineering, was appointed by Governor Bob McDonnell to the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in July 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quillen has dedicated significant time and effort in support of the Board of Visitors during his eight years of service, as a member and chair of the Executive Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee, as well as a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Research Committee. Most notably, he was Rector of the Board from 2012 to 2014, and oversaw the search that resulted in Tim Sands being named the 16th President of Virginia Tech, succeeding President Charles Steger; and

WHEREAS, a staunch supporter of higher education and Virginia Tech, Mr. Quillen is a member of the Ut Prosim Society President's Circle, and has served not only on the Board of Visitors, but also as a member of the Virginia Tech College of Engineering Advisory Board, the Via Department of Civil Engineering Advisory Board, and the College of Engineering's Committee of 100; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quillen possesses over forty years of experience in the mining industry. In 2002, he founded Alpha Natural Resources, which became one of the nation's leading coal producers, and served as the CEO and then Chairman of the Board until his retirement. He has also served as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Virginia Port Authority, as well as on the Board of Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his unwavering support and career achievement, Mr. Quillen received the College of Engineering's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2006 and was inducted into the College's Academy of Engineering Excellence in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Mike and his wife, Debbie, 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 Michael J. Quillen for his outstanding loyalty and devoted service, and for his faithful dedication to the university and its missions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution recognizing Michael J. Quillen for his service as a member and Rector of the Board of Visitors be approved.

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