

**RESOLUTION TO RATIFY ACTION OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS
ON OCTOBER 6, 2018
TO NAME THE BEAMER-LAWSON INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, Article I, Section 6a, stipulate that the Executive Committee of the Board in the interim between meetings of the Board has full power to take actions on behalf of the Board and that all such actions taken by the Executive Committee are subject to ratification by the full Board at its next meeting; and

WHEREAS, approval of the Board of Visitors for a commemorative naming of a university facility was required before a public announcement could be made, and that planned announcement was time sensitive; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Board was convened by the Rector on October 6, 2018, to act upon this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the next meeting of the full Board of Visitors is scheduled to occur on November 4-5, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University hereby ratifies the action taken by the Executive Committee of the Board on October 6 (attached):

- Resolution Naming the Football Indoor Practice Facility for Former Football Coach Franklin M. “Frank” Beamer ’69 and Family and the John R. Lawson II ’75 Family, henceforth titled the Beamer-Lawson Indoor Practice Facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution ratifying the action taken by the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors at a special meeting convened on October 6, 2018, be approved.

November 5, 2018

**RESOLUTION NAMING THE FOOTBALL INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY FOR
FORMER FOOTBALL COACH FRANKLIN M. “FRANK” BEAMER ’69 AND FAMILY
AND THE JOHN R. LAWSON II ’75 FAMILY**

WHEREAS, Frank Beamer is a highly revered and distinguished alumnus of Virginia Tech, having received his bachelor of science degree from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences in 1969; and

WHEREAS, John R. Lawson, II is an esteemed alumnus of Virginia Tech, having graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geophysics; and

WHEREAS, Frank Beamer and his wife, Cheryl Beamer, and the Beamer family enjoy a deep and abiding friendship with John Lawson and his wife, Paige Lawson, and the Lawson family; and

WHEREAS, John and Paige Lawson and their family proudly and vigorously have cheered on and supported Frank and Cheryl Beamer and the Beamer family through varying stages of success and numerous accomplishments of the Virginia Tech Football Program as it rose to national prominence under Coach Beamer’s impressive and unparalleled leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tech Football program and other athletic and community constituents have become the grateful beneficiaries of a state-of-the-art, premier, award-winning, multi-purpose indoor training facility that was opened in 2015, having been designed and constructed under the direction of W. M. Jordan and Company; and

WHEREAS, in this year during which Frank Beamer will be celebrated as a first-ballot selection to the College Football Hall of Fame’s Class of 2018 and has been named as the 2018 recipient of the Paul “Bear” Bryant Lifetime Achievement Award, the John and Paige Lawson family has made a leadership gift to acknowledge and pay tribute to the Frank and Cheryl Beamer family for their contributions to Virginia Tech and college football, and their enduring commitment to education and the community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their cherished friendship, the Beamers and the Lawsons share a steadfast love for Virginia Tech, embrace the value of service to others, epitomize the virtues of humility, loyalty, and generosity, and forever will be proud members of the Hokie Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the innumerable contributions of the Frank and Cheryl Beamer family to the university, the community, and collegiate athletics, and the leadership support of the John and Paige Lawson family to athletics and the broader university as donors, volunteers and fans, the Football Indoor Practice Facility will be known henceforth as the Beamer-Lawson Indoor Practice Facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming the Beamer-Lawson Indoor Practice Facility be approved.

October 6, 2018