

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING CARRIE H. CHENERY

WHEREAS, Carrie Chenery was appointed to the Board of Visitors in 2020. During her four-year tenure, she served as a member and chair of the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee and as a member of the Compliance, Audit, and Risk Committee and the Executive Committee. She brought a unique perspective to the board on the role of the university in economic development and linkages to the academic, research, and outreach missions of the university; and

WHEREAS, an alumna of Virginia Tech, having earned her bachelor's in 2008 in environmental policy and planning and agricultural and applied economics, Carrie is a recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Additionally, she is a former Commonwealth of Virginia Governor's Fellow and a graduate of the Political Leaders Program through the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, previously, Chenery served as Executive Director of the Shenandoah Valley Partnership, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Manager of Legislation and Policy at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and Director of Government Affairs at the Williams and Mullen law firm before founding Valley Pike Partners, a consulting firm that strives to bring the public and private sectors together; and

WHEREAS, Carrie has been named in the top 10 under 40 emerging business leaders in the Shenandoah Valley by the *Daily News-Record Business Journal* of Harrisonburg, as one of North America's Top 50 Economic Developers by Consultant Connect, and one of the Most Influential Virginians "On the Move" by *Virginia Business* magazine. She was also a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the administration and the members of the board truly appreciate Carrie's time and service, as well as have enjoyed getting to know her and her husband, Taylor, at board meetings 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 Carrie Chenery for her outstanding service and for her faithful dedication to the university and its missions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution recognizing Carrie Chenery for her service as a member of the Board of Visitors be approved.

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