RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING JEFFREY E. VEATCH

WHEREAS, Jeff Veatch was appointed to the Board of Visitors in 2016 and reappointed in 2020. During his eight-year tenure on the board, Jeff was a member of the Research Committee; the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee; the Buildings and Grounds Committee; the Compliance, Audit and Risk Committee; and the Governance and Administration Committee. He brought to the board a laser focus on the student experience; and

WHEREAS, Jeff earned a bachelor's in finance from the Pamplin College of Business in 1993 and has been a generous supporter individually and with his family of the Pamplin College, intercollegiate athletics, and the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Veatch co-founded Apex Systems, a billion-dollar business primarily in the field of IT staff augmentation. Apex Systems is now a division of ASGN, Inc., the largest publicly traded IT staffing and services firm in America; and

WHEREAS, a further testament to Jeff's staunch support of his alma mater, his company recruits Pamplin students, and Jeff, along with his Apex partners, gifted \$5 million to Pamplin's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in 2014. As a result, the center was re-named the Apex System Center for Entrepreneurs and began an interdisciplinary program for students allowing them to visit startups and corporate innovation programs in Boston, Maryland, and D.C. as of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Veatch has been recognized as the Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst and Young and was selected to the Philanthropic 50 by *Washington Life* magazine. He was a founding member of the effort to bring the Olympics to the Washington, D.C., region, and is on the board of ASGN, Inc. and Inova Health System. Additionally, he formed the Veatch Charitable Fund, which focuses on education, health care, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the board have sincerely appreciated the time and support that Jeff has dedicated to the board and the university, as well as have enjoyed getting to know him and his wife, Amiya, over the course of these past eight years;

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 Jeff Veatch for his outstanding loyalty and devoted service and for his faithful dedication to the university and its missions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution recognizing Jeff Veatch for his service as a member of the Board of Visitors be approved.