

RESOLUTION NAMING THE SECOND FLOOR BALCONY IN THE CORPS LEADERSHIP AND MILITARY SCIENCE BUILDING FOR FLOYD W. (SONNY) MERRYMAN, JR. '46

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd W. Merryman, Jr. was a member of the Class of 1946 from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and was also a member of the Corps of Cadets and the Corps Band; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd W. (Sonny) Merryman, Jr. was a lifelong resident of Rustburg, Virginia, and in partnership with his wife, Frances "Lou" Merryman, founded Sonny Merryman, Inc., a trailer equipment and bus dealership; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Merryman, Inc. emerged as a thriving family business under the watchful eye, keen business acumen, and steady leadership of Sonny Merryman and his wife, Lou, joined by their daughter and son, A. Patricia "Pat" Merryman and Floyd W. Merryman, III, and grew to become one of the nation's most prominent bus dealers; and

WHEREAS, the Sonny Merryman family has a long and treasured tradition of service and leadership to Virginia Tech, collectively serving on multiple boards and committees, including the boards of the Virginia Tech Foundation and the Virginia Tech Athletics Fund, college advisory boards, Hokies for Higher Education, Campaign Steering Committees, and the WLP Council; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Merryman was honored with the university's highest honor in 2006, the William H. Ruffner Medal, and is also the namesake of the Merryman Athletic Facility for his generous support of this enhancement to the athletics complex; and

WHEREAS, Sonny and Lou Merryman have been recognized at Virginia Tech with charter membership in the President's Circle of the Ut Prosim Society and membership in the Legacy Society for their outstanding philanthropy benefitting the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, Pamplin College of Business, Athletics, the Moss Arts Center, and other university initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Lou Merryman, Pat Merryman, and Floyd Merryman, III have also made generous contributions to the construction of the Corps Leadership and Military Science Building in honor of their husband and father, Sonny Merryman;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Lou, Pat, and Floyd Merryman in tribute to the legacy of Sonny Merryman, and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, the Second Floor Balcony in the Corps Leadership and Military Science Building will be henceforth known as the F. W. (Sonny) Merryman, Jr. Balcony; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes a similar resolution approved by the Board of Visitors on August 29, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming the F. W. (Sonny) Merryman, Jr. Second Floor Balcony (and superseding a similar resolution passed by the Board of Visitors on August 29, 2023) be approved.

June 11, 2024

RESOLUTION NAMING THE SECOND FLOOR BALCONY IN THE CORPS LEADERSHIP AND MILITARY SCIENCE BUILDING FOR LOU MERRYMAN, FLOYD W. MERRYMAN, SR. '46 AND PAT MERRYMAN

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd W. Merryman, Jr. graduated from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1946 and was also a member of the Corps Band, Ms. Frances (Lou) Merryman is the faithful spouse of Mr. Floyd W Merryman, Jr., and A. Patricia (Pat) Merryman is the daughter of Floyd and Lou Merryman; and

WHEREAS, Lou, Floyd and Pat Merryman founded and maintained the successful family business of Sonny Merryman Inc., and have served on multiple committees combined including the Hokies for Higher Education, Campaign Steering Committees, College Advisory Boards, and the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund; and

WHEREAS, Lou, Floyd, and Pat Merryman have all been recognized as members of the Ut Prosim Society and Legacy Society for their outstanding philanthropy to the university to include considerable support to the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, Athletics, and the Moss Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Lou, Floyd and Pat Merryman have also made generous contributions to the VTCC Corps Building Fund, the Athletics Indoor Practice Facility, the Center for Arts Construction, the Elizabeth "Betsy" Flanagan WLP Endowed Lecture Fund and various other VTCC and University Funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Lou, Floyd and Pat Merryman, and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, the Second Floor Balcony in the Corps Leadership and Military Science Building will be known as the Lou, Floyd and Pat Merryman Second Floor Balcony.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming the Lou, Floyd and Pat Merryman Second Floor Balcony be approved.

August 29, 2023