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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1992 and continuing for 24 years, Mr. David Moore faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in Virginia Cooperative Extension; and

**WHEREAS**, he faithfully served the citizens of the Middle Peninsula in the areas of agriculture and 4-H youth while mentoring both young and old; and

**WHEREAS**, he organized countless field days, crops conferences, test plots, and other educational programs to help strengthen the agricultural economy in the Middle Peninsula of Virginia, and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served as unit coordinator and extension agent, specializing in educational programs in agronomic crop production that emphasized the importance of best management practices to protect the Chesapeake Bay and its estuaries; and

**WHEREAS**, he worked closely with the Virginia Soybean Association, the Virginia Soybean Board, the Virginia Small Grains Association, local Farm Bureaus, and local agribusinesses to obtain grant funding to strengthen his educational programs for the benefit of their members; and

**WHEREAS**, he demonstrated his leadership qualities by serving as director of the Tidewater Soil and Water Conservation District and president of the Virginia Extension Service Association; and

**WHEREAS**, he received the 2004 Virginia Soybean Association's Research and Education Award, the university's 2009 Alumni Award for Excellence in Extension, the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, and many other awards throughout his career; and

**WHEREAS**, he has demonstrated an unflinching and enthusiastic commitment to Virginia Cooperative Extension and to the citizens of the Middle Peninsula;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Mr. David Moore for his distinguished service to the university with the title Senior Extension Agent Emeritus.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Mr. David Moore for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 2001 and continuing for 17 years, Erik Ervin, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the Virginia Turfgrass Industry through his work focusing on turfgrass stress physiology; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the community as a leader and educator in sustainable turfgrass management systems; and

**WHEREAS**, he supported many professional turfgrass industry trade associations by way of countless presentations and a wide variety of professional service activities with the American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the Crop and Soil Environmental Science curriculum, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous students on master's and doctoral dissertations and helped them develop successful careers in both academic and industrial settings; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department (interim CSES Head in 2017), college (Assistant Dean of Instruction, GALS), and university through dedicated service on numerous committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Erik Ervin for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Erik Ervin, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1989 and continuing for 28 years, Dr. Robert P. Broadwater faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, in the College of Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught and lectured in undergraduate and graduate courses and made significant contributions to the teaching of graduate students throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia by incorporating contemplative methods; and

**WHEREAS**, he co-authored chapters in three books, "Real Time Control of Distributed Generation "Power Distribution," and "Load Control Experiment,"; and

**WHEREAS**, he directed 28 doctoral students and more than 40 masters students, and served on over 100 masters and doctoral committees; and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal or co-principal investigator on grants and contracts exceeding \$5.2M researching a new approach to analysis that he developed, referred to as Graph Trace Analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, his Graph Trace Analysis is being employed throughout the world by utility organizations, universities, and the Department of Defense to study electric power system problems involving transmission, substations, and electric power distribution, all in the same model; and

**WHEREAS**, problems spanning transmission to distribution could not be solved previously by traditional analysis methods, but now can be solved with his Graph Trace Analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, his Graph Trace Analysis is enabling the growth of renewable generation and also enabling the implementation of electric power system automation; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, the college, and the university through dedicated service on numerous and committees and working groups; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Robert P. Broadwater for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Robert P. Broadwater, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1997 and continuing for 20 years, Robert H. Sturges, Jr., Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member jointly in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering and the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught and lectured in undergraduate and graduate courses, being recognized with the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching, a Favorite Faculty Award, and a citation from the Center for Instructional Development and Educational Research; and

**WHEREAS**, he directed 22 Master's and 10 doctoral students, and served on doctoral committees in both the Departments of Industrial and Systems Engineering and Mechanical Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, he directed the Robotics and Automation Laboratory for 16 years and established the Industrial Automation Laboratory, which he directed for 6 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored over 150 peer-reviewed papers, two book chapters, a textbook, and 16 U.S. patents; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the understanding of assembly processes through the joining of mechanical and industrial engineering principles; and

**WHEREAS**, he was Principal or co-Principal Investigator on grants researching human activity in robotic environments; and

**WHEREAS**, he fostered inclusion and diversity by providing unique educational experiences for students through personal contact with each student in one-on-one problem reviews; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, the college, and the university through dedicated service on numerous commissions and committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Robert H. Sturges, Jr. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Robert H. Sturges, Jr., Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1980 and continuing for 37 years, Penny L. Burge, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the School of Education in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, she made significant scholarly contributions to programmatic and instructional assessment and evaluation through her work with the U.S. Armed Services, National Aeronautics and Space Agency, a multitude of national and international educational institutions, as well as community colleges and public schools of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, she has authored or co-authored over 60 referee journal articles, book chapters, and reviews; and

**WHEREAS**, she directed (chaired or co-chaired) 36 doctoral students, and served on over 60 master's and doctoral committees within educational research and evaluation, career and technical education, educational psychology, educational leadership, and counselor education programs; and helped them develop successful careers in both academic and industrial settings; and

**WHEREAS**, she ably served her profession as editor of the *Journal of Career and Technical Education* and as a long-standing member of the editorial board of the *Family and Consumer Science Research Journal*; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Penny Burge for her distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emerita of Educational Research and Evaluation.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Penny L. Burge, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Creamer, Ed.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as an administrator and a faculty member in the School of Education in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences for more than 38 years; and

**WHEREAS**, she has served as a faculty member in both the Gender Studies and the Educational Research and Evaluation Program in the School of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, she made many pro-active contributions to the Educational Research Evaluation program and its students through her service as program leader and to the department as departmental unit chair, and Interdisciplinary Studies program as director; and

**WHEREAS**, she was the principal investigator of over \$3M in grants from the National Science Foundation about the recruitment of women to STEM careers; and

**WHEREAS**, she has authored or co-authored over 80 books, referee journal articles, book chapters, and reviews; and

**WHEREAS**, she has been noted for her dedication to teaching, advising, and mentoring students; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided many years of distinguished service to the university, department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Elizabeth Creamer for her distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emerita of Educational Research and Evaluation.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Elizabeth Creamer, Ed.D. for emerita status be approved.

March 26, 2018



## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1979 and continuing for 38 years, Steven Janosik, Ed.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the School of Education in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to field of higher education through his work in higher education law focusing on campus crime, college administration, policy, liability and risk management, and professional standards and ethics; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the community as an executive board member of the National Association of Study Personnel Administrators and the Association for Student Judicial Affairs, served as editor of the Journal of College and University Housing, and on the media board and as reviewer for numerous other journals and outlets; and

**WHEREAS**, he supported the school, college and university by serving in multiple administrative positions including associate director of the School of Education, faculty chair of the Department of Leadership, Counseling, and Research, program coordinator for the Higher Education Program, associate dean of students and director of judicial programs as well as the associate director for residence life; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught a wide variety of graduate courses ranging across the higher education program's curriculum, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous students on master's and doctoral dissertations and helped them develop successful careers in both academic and industrial settings; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Steve Janosik for his distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Higher Education.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Steven Janosik, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1971 and continuing for 47 years, E. Fred Benfield, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences and later in the College of Science; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the faculty, he was a dedicated teacher of courses ranging from large sections of freshman biology to advanced graduate courses; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous graduate students during his career in the Department of Biological Sciences, serving as the graduate advisor for 16 masters and 16 doctoral students, and he also served on graduate advisory committees in multiple departments and colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous undergraduate students helping them through their program at Virginia Tech and guiding them in their development of successful careers after graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, he contributed to research on the responses of stream systems to current and historical land-use change as reflected by ecosystem level processes and biodiversity. He also worked in pollution ecology, aquatic insect toxicology, distribution and abundance of aquatic macroinvertebrates, and arthropod defensive behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored and co-authored some 100 publications and presented many papers at national and international scientific meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, he served extensively on committees and editorial boards of several professional societies including serving as president of the Society for Freshwater Science. In 2012 he received the Distinguished Service Award for his many contributions to the Society for Freshwater Science; and

**WHEREAS**, he served on many state and national technical advisory boards and committees; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees. For 17 years he served the department as associate department head; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. E. Fred Benfield for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of Ecology.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending E. Fred Benfield, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1988 and continuing for 29 years, James Phillip Pickett DVM, DACVO faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Science in the Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught and lectured in professional and graduate courses; and

**WHEREAS**, he directed master's and doctoral students, and served on eight master's degree committees; and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal or co-principal investigator on 15 grants researching small animal ophthalmology; and

**WHEREAS**, through his work in ophthalmology, he brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored over 34 refereed journal articles, 12 book chapters, and reviews; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as departmental representative to the research and graduate studies board, graduate affairs committee, residency committee, VVMA pet memorial fund, admissions committee, curriculum revision committee, college committee on computerized medical records, intern-resident seminar program, section chief ophthalmology section, veterinary teaching hospital administrative board, department promotion and tenure, Thompson professorial award committee member, department representative to graduate honor system judicial board, CVM representative to VCE/VAES initiative proposal, university disaster planning exercise, and

**WHEREAS**, he held leadership positions in professional organizations, including the credentials committee and genetics committee of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology, Professional Practice Disciplinary and Appeals Committee, Committee on Lab Animal Ophthalmology, Residency Committee.

**WHEREAS**, he received many professional honors and awards, Phi Zeta Veterinary Honor Society, Certificate of Residency-Comparative Ophthalmology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Edward E. Thompson Professorial Award, Dr. and Mrs. Dorsey Taylor Mahin Award for Clinical Excellence, Veterinary Teaching Hospital Director's Award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. James Phillip Pickett for his distinguished service to the university with the title Emeritus Professor of Ophthalmology.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending James Phillip Pickett, DVM, Diplomate ACVO for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1978 and continuing for 40 years, Gerhardt G. Schurig, DVM, PhD, faithfully served Virginia Tech as a Professor of Immunology, Head of the Department of Veterinary Biosciences, Director of the Center for Molecular Medicine and Infectious Diseases, Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Veterinary Education and Management in Public Health, Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, Director of the Institute for Biomedical and Public Health Sciences, and Dean of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the profession of veterinary medicine through his work in immunology and vaccine development; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served said profession through active involvement in professional organizations with special acknowledgement of his role as President of the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught and mentored many undergraduate, graduate and professional students, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, through his role as an administrator, he helped students and colleagues develop successful careers in academia, government, and industry; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college and university through dedicated service on a variety of committees and boards; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognize Dr. Gerhardt G. Schurig for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of Immunology and Dean Emeritus of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Gerhardt G. Schurig, DVM, PhD, for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1982 and continuing for 35 years, Geoffrey K. Saunders, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVP, faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology in the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the profession of veterinary medicine through his scholarly work in the area of anatomic pathology; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the veterinary community and clients of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital through the application of his clinical skills and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught a variety of professional courses, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous students on master's and doctoral dissertations, helping them develop successful careers in the private sector, academia, government, and industry; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through administrative leadership and dedicated service on committees and boards;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Geoffrey K. Saunders for his distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Pathology.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Geoffrey K. Saunders, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVP for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1999 and continuing for 18 years, Roger J. Avery, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a Senior Associate Dean in the Graduate School as well as Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies and faculty member in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology in the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the profession of veterinary medicine through his work in virology; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served said profession through active involvement in professional organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he provided instruction to undergraduate, graduate and professional students and administered graduate programs, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, through direct mentorship and administration, he helped numerous students develop successful careers in academia, government, and industry; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college and university through dedicated service on numerous committees and boards;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Roger J. Avery for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Virology.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Roger J. Avery, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1976 and continuing for 40 years, Marion F. Ehrich, MS, RPh, PhD, Diplomate ABT, faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology in the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, she made significant contributions to the professions of veterinary and human medicine through her work in pharmacology and toxicology; and

**WHEREAS**, she ably served said professions through active involvement in numerous professional organizations and federal agencies including the Society of Toxicology, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Institutes of Health, and the National Academy of Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, she taught a wide variety of undergraduate, graduate and professional courses ranging across various health sciences curricula, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, she advised numerous students on master's and doctoral dissertations and helped them develop successful careers in the private sector, academia, government, and industry; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees and boards;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Marion Ehrich for her distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emerita of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Marion F. Ehrich, M.S., R.Ph., Ph.D., Diplomate ABT for emerita status be approved.

March 26, 2018

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1978 and continuing for 39 years, Anthony T. Cobb, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Management in the Pamplin College of Business; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to research through his work in organizational behavior focusing on organizational politics, organizational justice, and behavioral ethics; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the community as a management consultant working both pro bono and in service to college's mission of outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, he supported the Diggs Teaching Scholars association as president and the Academy of Teaching Excellence as a contributing member; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the management curriculum, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, he served the teaching mission at the departmental, college, and university levels leading associations of teaching excellence, and has received awards of teaching excellence at the departmental, college, and university levels as well as from student associations, and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous students on master's and doctoral dissertations and helped them develop successful careers in both academic and industrial settings; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Anthony T. Cobb for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Management.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Anthony T. Cobb, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018



**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT RAYMOND D. SMOOT, JR., Ph.D.  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND TREASURER EMERITUS**

**WHEREAS**, Raymond (Ray) D. Smoot, Jr., Ph.D. (Virginia Tech Class of 1969) has devoted his scholarship, administrative acumen, and passion for higher education to Virginia Tech, beginning in 1965 when he came to Virginia Tech as an undergraduate student and continuing even beyond the official end of his service with the Virginia Tech Foundation in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray Smoot demonstrated an early avid and scholarly interest in higher education administration as a master's student at Virginia Tech and a doctoral student at The Ohio State University, from which he was awarded a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration before returning to begin his career in higher education at Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, at Virginia Tech, Ray Smoot has carried the title and portfolio of assistant vice president for administration, vice president for business affairs, interim athletic director, vice president for finance, vice president for administration, and treasurer. He faithfully dedicated his professional career to serving and leading the university in these multiple administrative roles by managing the university's real estate and property acquisitions, insurance, and cash flow; licensing the university's trademarks; and establishing and leading several corporations and venture capital efforts; and was instrumental in establishing the university's international centers and executing other significant successful and enduring educational and financial enterprises; and

**WHEREAS**, while in his administrative roles with the university, Dr. Smoot simultaneously served as the secretary-treasurer of the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., managing its substantial assets, a robust endowment, and investment portfolios for the benefit of the university. Upon his retirement from the university in 2003, he became the first full-time leader of the Foundation, assuming the role of Chief Executive Officer until his departure from the Foundation in 2012. Over his decades of service to the Foundation, its assets grew from \$11 million to \$1.3 billion and include such facilities as the Pete Dye River Course and the Virginia Tech Research Center-Arlington, which is vital to achieving the vision for Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Smoot's vision and leadership led to the creation in 1985 of the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, Inc., an incubator for entrepreneurship and innovation that has served as a home for hundreds of companies, employed thousands of workers, and achieved internationally acclaimed success; and

**WHEREAS**, a testament to his financial acumen and mastery at building strategic partnerships, Ray Smoot was instrumental in bringing together the City of Roanoke, the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, and the Virginia Tech Foundation to devise a financial plan to restore the Hotel Roanoke and create the Conference Center, which has been a catalyst for revitalizing the City of Roanoke; and

**WHEREAS**, imbued as a student with the spirit of *Ut Prosim*, and with a devotion to the Commonwealth of Virginia as well as his beloved alma mater, Ray Smoot remains a

dedicated business and civic leader who continues to be proponent for higher education and a driving force for economic development in the region;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University expresses appreciation to Raymond (Ray) D. Smoot, Jr., Ph.D., for his dedicated life-long commitment to the educational values instilled in him as a student at Virginia Tech and his significant contributions to the regional, national, and international success of the university, and recognizes him for his distinguished service in the spirit of *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve) with the title Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Emeritus.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Raymond D. Smoot, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

March 26, 2018