RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR LEAH H. JAMIESON

WHEREAS, Leah H. Jamieson has served as the John A. Edwardson Dean of the College of Engineering since 2006; and

WHEREAS, she has been a member of the Purdue faculty since 1976, currently serving as the Ransburg Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, a position she has held since 2002, and a courtesy member of the faculty of the School of Engineering Education; and

WHEREAS, over the last 41 years, Dr. Jamieson has held several other leadership positions within the College of Engineering, serving the College’s students, faculty, staff and supporters with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, prior to her appointment as dean, Dr. Jamieson co-chaired the Purdue Engineering Curriculum Reform Task Force, ensuring that Purdue’s engineering curriculum would address the global and technological changes and prepare Purdue engineers for 21st century careers, a project that is now a core aspect of the College of Engineering’s framework for undergraduate education; and

WHEREAS, she also co-founded Purdue’s award-winning EPICS — Engineering Projects in Community Service — program in 1995, which has become an international model for service-learning, now active at 35 universities worldwide, and for which she received the 2005 NAE Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education in recognition of her work; and

WHEREAS, she provided superb leadership for the dramatic growth of the College of Engineering as part of the Purdue Moves initiatives, increasing faculty size by more than 90 and new undergraduate enrollment by 1,300 to date; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jamieson has earned the respect of her peers nationally, and has regularly received recognition for her achievements in education, research and service, including the National Science Foundation Director’s Award for Distinguished Teaching Scholars, the American Society for Engineering Education’s 1997 Chester F. Carlson Award for Innovation in Engineering Education, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Education Society’s 2000 Harriet B. Rigas Outstanding Woman Engineering Educator award, the Anita Borg Institute’s 2007 Women of Vision Award for Social Impact, and the Carnegie Foundation’s 2002 Indiana Professor of the Year, among numerous other honors; and

WHEREAS, she has been especially active in the IEEE, serving in leadership roles on several IEEE societies and other special committees, including serving as the IEEE president and CEO in 2007, during which she led initiatives in strategic planning and public visibility for the engineering profession, and currently as the president of the IEEE Foundation board of directors; and

WHEREAS, she was also elected to the U.S. National Academy of Engineering “for innovations in integrating engineering education and community service” and was elected a Fellow of the IEEE for her research on parallel processing algorithms; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Jamieson has been a tireless and effective advocate for the importance of women in engineering and computing professions, including developing the Women in Engineering and Women in Science programs at Purdue, organizing countless workshops for junior high school and high school girls and serving on the university’s Presidential Task Force on Women’s Issues from 1995-97; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jamieson is also a prolific researcher, contributing immensely to our understanding of speech analysis and recognition, the design and analysis of parallel processing algorithms and the application of parallel processing to digital speech, image and signal processing, through nearly 200 journal publications, conference papers, book chapters and co-edited books; and

WHEREAS, overall, under her leadership, the College of Engineering has improved in reputation and visibility, and is well-positioned to continue its trajectory of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jamieson will step down as dean of the College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2017, but will remain a full-time faculty member in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering; and

WHEREAS, her impact on the College of Engineering and the wider engineering community at large has been immense and formative; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Dr. Leah H. Jamieson’s tenure as Dean of the College of Engineering on its students, faculty, staff and alumni; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Dr. Jamieson for her loyalty and service to Purdue University; and
3. That Dr. Jamieson is to be congratulated and thanked for her tremendous contributions to our University; and
4. That Dr. Jamieson’s many achievements are part of the great, permanent history of Purdue and will never be forgotten; and
5. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Trustees as part of the permanent record of the University.

JUNE 16, 2017

Michael R. Berghoff
Chairman

Janice A. Indrutz
Secretary