



## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MARK J.T. SMITH**

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark J. T. Smith joined the Purdue faculty in January 2003 as the head of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the largest academic school at Purdue and one of the largest in the nation at the time; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, 30 new tenured and tenure-track faculty were added to the electrical and computer engineering faculty, a \$7.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation's Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate was received to support improvements in graduate student diversity, and \$110 million was raised for the school's capital campaign; and

WHEREAS, in April 2003, he was named the Michael J. and Katherine R. Birck Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and was then appointed dean of the Graduate School in 2009, a role in which he has greatly enhanced Purdue's global reach as a leader in graduate education; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as dean of the Graduate School, he oversaw five campuses offering more than 400 advanced degree programs and concentrations to thousands of students each year and, in recent years, introduced several new professional master's and interdisciplinary programs, award-winning peer mentoring programs, and a new scholarship program for graduate students with financial need, expanded Purdue's international presence and streamlined administrative processes; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, he was appointed to the provost's Diversity Leadership Team by Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity Deba Dutta; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Diversity Leadership Team over the past two years, he has been a strong and tireless advocate for inclusion and diversity at Purdue, including promoting an increase in women and minority faculty and students on campus; and

WHEREAS, he is a prolific scholar in the area of digital signal processing, co-authoring and editing several books and textbooks, and has supervised more than 30 PhD students; and

WHEREAS, he is a highly respected member of the engineering community and one of the most widely respected leaders in graduate education in the country, having held many senior leadership positions in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Heads Association, the Council of Graduate Schools and the National Academies Board of Army Science and Technology; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Purdue, he has received several awards acknowledging his commitment to excellence in all pursuits, including the Dreamer Award in recognition of his

service to others and his promotion of inclusiveness, and the Black Graduate Student Association's Engagement Award; and

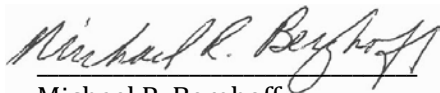
WHEREAS, Dr. Smith will step down as dean of the Graduate School, effective July 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, his impact on Purdue University has been vast and lasting; and

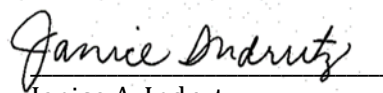
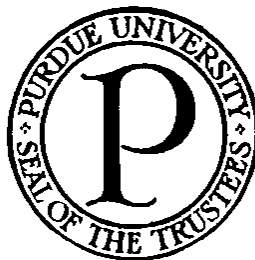
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Dr. Mark J. T. Smith's tenure as head of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering and dean of the Graduate School on Purdue University; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Dr. Smith for his loyalty and service to Purdue University; and
3. That he is to be congratulated and thanked for his tremendous contributions to our University; and
4. That his 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