RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

MICHAEL J. BIRCK JULY 19, 2013

WHEREAS, Michael J. Birck has served Purdue University with excellence, dedication, and generosity as a member of the Board of Trustees since July 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, his close association with Purdue dates to his undergraduate years, earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1960, and being an outstanding varsity baseball player while on our campus; and

WHEREAS, he distinguished himself and our University by serving as co-founder, president, chief executive officer and chair of Tellabs, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, he is a leader in the telecommunications industry and served as president of the U.S. Telecommunications Suppliers Association and chairman of the Telecommunications Industry Association; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors including the Outstanding Master Entrepreneur award by Inc. Magazine/Ernst & Young, induction into the Chicago Business Hall of Fame, the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement award, the IEEE Ernst Weber Engineering Leadership Recognition Award, the Medal of Honor from the Electronic Industries Alliance, the Washington Award from the Western Society of Engineers, the Alumnus Award from the Purdue Schools of Engineering and, in 1995, an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife Katherine R. Birck have personified the words "ever grateful, ever true" through their extraordinary generosity to Purdue academics, facilities, students and faculty, athletics programs, and more; and

WHEREAS, he has supported Purdue as director and member of the Executive Committee of the Purdue Research Foundation; Life Member of Purdue President's Council and John Purdue Club; member of the Senior Dean's Advisory Council of the Krannert School of Management; past chair of the Purdue Alumni Foundation Board; and co-chair of "The Campaign for Purdue," which exceeded fund-raising goals and raised a record amount to support students and faculty, and academic and research programs; and

WHEREAS, his recognition from the University includes an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering, an Outstanding Electrical Engineering Alumnus honor, and the Krannert Business Leadership Award, among others; and

WHEREAS, he has served with distinction as a member of the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee, Audit and Insurance Committee, Compensation Committee, and the Finance

Committee; served as co-chair of the 2007 Purdue Presidential Search Committee, and was active in the selection of the past three University presidents; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Birck has stepped down from his position on the Purdue Board of Trustees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

- 1. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Michael J. Birck for his loyalty and service to his alma mater; and
- 2. That through the generosity of Michael J. Birck and Katherine R. Birck, Purdue's look, feel, spirit and excellence have been forever enhanced, as their contributions have impacted the lives of thousands of students, faculty, friends and alumni; and
- 3. That his many achievements are part of the great, permanent history of Purdue, and will never be forgotten; and
- 4. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees as part of the permanent record of Purdue University for all to witness.