RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR BRUCE W. WHITE

WHEREAS, Bruce W. White served Purdue University with excellence and dedication as a member of the Board of Trustees from July 2011 to February 2015; and

WHEREAS, he brought invaluable wisdom and insight to the Board of Trustees and, in particular, the Board's Finance Committee and Physical Facilities Committee; and

WHEREAS, his close association with Purdue dates to his undergraduate years, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management in 1975; and

WHEREAS, he earned a graduate degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Owner/President Management program and was presented an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration in Hospitality Management by Johnson and Wales University; and

WHEREAS, Bruce has established himself as a leader in entrepreneurial ventures in the world of hospitality as the founder, chairman and chief executive officer of White Lodging Services, Inc., headquartered in Merrillville, Indiana, for more than 30 years, growing the company’s portfolio to more than 170 hotels in 21 states; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated his deep-rooted Boilermaker pride and generosity by helping establish an endowment fund for future Hospitality and Tourism Management students at Purdue’s main campus; and

WHEREAS, through the Bruce & Beth White Family Foundation and the Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation, Purdue University Calumet was able to expand and enhance its Hospitality and Tourism Management program, which was renamed the Purdue University Calumet White Lodging Center for Hospitality and Tourism Management in recognition of the White family's generosity; and

WHEREAS, Bruce has remained a loyal and longtime partner of the Purdue University School of Hospitality and Tourism Management by providing internships to many of its students and hiring many of its graduates; and

WHEREAS, he has often returned to the Purdue campus to speak with and mentor Hospitality and Tourism Management students; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors, including the Illinois Hotel Lodging Association’s J. Patrick Leahy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011, the Hunter Hotel Developer Award for Excellence and Inspiration in 2011, the Will Koch Indiana Tourism
Leadership Award in 2011, the Midwest Lodging Investors Summit Game Changer Award in 2012, and a finalist position for HOTELS magazine’s Global Corporate Hotelier of the Year in 2013; and

WHEREAS, he has been an active and highly respected leader and advocate of numerous hospitality, business and civic organizations throughout his career, including the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the Chicago Economic Club, Starwood North America Owners Advisory Council, the Courtyard by Marriott Advisory Board, the Residence Inn by Marriott Association Board of Directors, the Young President’s Organization, the World President’s Organization, and the University of Chicago Hospitals, among several others; and

WHEREAS, his entrepreneurship and leadership in the hospitality industry earned him a place in the inaugural class inducted to the Purdue University School of Hospitality and Tourism Management Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Bruce W. White has stepped down from the Purdue Board of Trustees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Bruce W. White for his loyalty and service to his alma mater; and

2. That Bruce W. White has contributed immensely to this university both as a member of our Board of Trustees and as a valued alumnus; 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.

JULY 17, 2015

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Thomas E. Spurgeon, Chairman       Janice A. Indrutz, Secretary