RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE HONORABLE BRENT E. DICKSON

WHEREAS, the Honorable Brent E. Dickson, a native of Gary, Indiana, received his Bachelor of Science in History from Purdue University in 1964; and

WHEREAS, after earning a law degree from Indiana University in 1968, he began his career in Lafayette, where he formed Dickson, Reiling, Teder, and Withered, a law firm consisting entirely of Purdue alumni; and

WHEREAS, he practiced law in the Lafayette community for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed the 100th justice to the Indiana Supreme Court in January 1986 by Governor Robert D. Orr and is now the third-longest serving justice in state history; and

WHEREAS, he was named Chief Justice on May 15, 2012 by Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., a position he held with distinction until August 18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief Justice, he was selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the national Conference of Chief Justices and chaired the Conference's Committee on Professionalism and Competence of the Bar; and

WHEREAS, Justice Dickson also serves as a member of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Justice Dickson co-founded the Sagamore Chapter of the American Inns of Court in Indianapolis in 1997, and is a member of the American Law Institute, as well as several other local, state and national judicial and legal organizations; and

WHEREAS, he formerly served as the chair of the Indiana Supreme Court Records Management Committee, the Judicial Data Processing Oversight Committee, the Task Force on Access to Court Records and various other committees, and has been a liaison to its Disciplinary Commission and Board of Law Examiners; and

WHEREAS, his writings, speeches and activities as a justice reflect Justice Dickson’s longstanding interests in fostering attorney civility, preserving and enhancing our jury trial system, developing and encouraging mediation and promoting the study and application of state constitutional law; and

WHEREAS, Justice Dickson has remained a faithful supporter of his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his loyalty to Purdue and his service to the state of Indiana, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree by Purdue University in 1996; and
WHEREAS, Justice Dickson and his wife Jan Aikman Dickson, also a Purdue alumnus, passed their Boilermaker pride on to their three sons, each of whom is also a Purdue graduate; and

WHEREAS, Justice Brent E. Dickson retired from the Indiana Supreme Court on April 29, 2016 after 30 years of distinguished service;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Justice Brent E. Dickson for his service to the State of Indiana and his loyalty to his alma mater; and

2. That Justice Dickson has contributed immensely to the university 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.

JUNE 17, 2016

Michael R. Berghoff, Chairman

Janice A. Indrutz, Secretary