RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JOHN D. HARDIN, JR.

WHEREAS, John D. Hardin, Jr. has served Purdue University with excellence and dedication as a member of the Board of Trustees from July 1992 to June 2016, steadfast in his passion for and commitment to Purdue’s land-grant mission; and

WHEREAS, he has brought invaluable wisdom, insight and great historical knowledge to the Board of Trustees and, in particular, the Board’s Academic Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, Audit and Insurance Committee and Physical Facilities Committee, on which he has served intermittently during his time as a trustee; and

WHEREAS, John served with particular distinction as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2009, during which time he co-chaired the national search for Purdue’s 11th president, France A. Córdova; and

WHEREAS, his close association with Purdue dates to his undergraduate years, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics in 1967; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Purdue School of Agriculture named him a Distinguished Alumnus, and in 1985, he received an Alumni Award of Merit from Gamma Sigma Delta, the international honor society of agriculture, consumer and family sciences, and veterinary medicine; and

WHEREAS, John passed his Boilermaker pride on to his two children, David and Anne, who both earned degrees from Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, John’s loyalty to Purdue extends far beyond his service on the Board of Trustees, having held assorted positions on the boards of the Purdue Research Foundation, the Purdue Foundation, the Ross-Ade Foundation and Purdue International at various times over the last 24 years; and

WHEREAS, he has also been actively involved with the President’s Council, the Dean of Agriculture’s Advisory Council, Old Masters and the Purdue Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, he served on the executive committee of the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Board of Advisors from 1997-2015; and

WHEREAS, John has also been generous in his financial support of Purdue, giving annually to the university since 1984 and helping establish the John D. Hardin, Sr. Memorial 4-H Scholarship and the Lillie M. Hardin Memorial Scholarship, both in the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, he and his son, David, own and operate Hardin Farms, a three-generation swine operation and grain farm in Danville, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, he has proudly hosted several global figures at his farms, including Russian president Boris Yeltsin in 1989 and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan in 1991; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, John first gave service to the State of Indiana when Governor Otis Bowen appointed him to serve as a member of Indiana’s Rural Policy Commission and chair of the committee to preserve Indiana’s agricultural resource base; and

WHEREAS, John has served the state of Indiana in many other capacities, including holding positions on the boards of the Indiana Institute of Food, Agriculture and Nutrition and the Indiana 4-H Foundation; and
WHEREAS, he has been involved in his hometown community in Hendricks County, Indiana, serving eight years as a Trustee of Hendricks Regional Health and chairing the process that produced the first land use plan to be adopted by the County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service to the state, he has received several accolades, including being named a Master Farmer by Indiana Prairie Farmer in 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 he became involved with the National Pork Producers Council and steadily became a tireless and effective advocate for improving not only the quality of U.S. pork, but also greater trade access for U.S. pork, acting as an advisor to U.S. trade negotiators from 1990 to 2007 and helping grow U.S. pork exports from $100 million annually in 1985 to an annual average of $6 billion by 2015; and

WHEREAS, John has brought incredible expertise to several of pork's largest industry and policy organizations, including serving as chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the Chicago Board of Trade, president of the National Pork Producers Council, chairman of the United States Meat Export Federation, vice chair for the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade, and as a member of the Food Security Advisory Committee for USDA-USAID, among numerous others; and

WHEREAS, he is currently the vice chair of the American Farmland Trust; and

WHEREAS, the numerous awards he has received for his advocacy and efforts include his induction into the Pork Industry Hall of Fame in 2002 for his lasting and positive impact on the U.S. pork industry; and

WHEREAS, John’s wife, Vicki, is to be thanked sincerely for her gracious contributions to Purdue as she supported John’s service as a trustee, including serving as the university’s hostess for the President’s Council Cruise – Adriatic Adventure, Istanbul to Venice in 2015; and

WHEREAS, John D. Hardin, Jr. has stepped down from the Purdue University Board of Trustees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to John D. Hardin, Jr. for his loyalty and service to his alma mater; and

2. That John D. Hardin, Jr. 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.

JUNE 17, 2016

Michael R. Berghoff, Chairman

Janice A. Indrutz, Secretary