RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR STUART & BRANIGIN LLP

WHEREAS, in the annals of Purdue history, few if any organizations share a relationship with the University as longstanding as that of Stuart & Branigin LLP; and

WHEREAS, one of the firm’s founders, John Coffroth, was a friend and trusted legal advisor to John Purdue and helped him establish the University in 1869; and

WHEREAS, in 1878, Mr. Coffroth joined Thomas A. Stuart to create the firm that, 104 years later, would become known as Stuart & Branigin; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1919, the firm moved into the newly constructed Lafayette Life Building, and from this location the firm has served as a pillar of the greater Lafayette community and a key player in its economic development, representing all manner of clients, including Purdue University, with the highest standards of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the firm reached an important milestone in 1938 when it welcomed a new partner, Roger D. Branigin, who, following meritorious service in the U.S. Army in the Second World War, would eventually become a trustee of Purdue University and, in 1964, the 42nd governor of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, by the 1950s, the University’s legal matters were largely managed by another titan of the firm, George T. Schilling, whose advice and counsel were deemed so integral to the life of the University and the work of the Board of Trustees that he was appointed to a newly created position, Legal Counsel to The Trustees of Purdue University, in October 1953; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, the Bylaws of The Trustees of Purdue University were formally amended to recognize the position of Legal Counsel as an elected officer of the corporation, with the position of Assistant Legal Counsel similarly being added as an elected officer in 1989; and

WHEREAS, over many years, these elected positions were filled by a succession of esteemed Stuart & Branigin attorneys, from George Schilling, John F. Bodle and Thomas L. Ryan to Anthony S. (Tony) Benton and Thomas B. Parent, all of whom provided wise and trusted legal counsel to the University and its associated foundations across a full range of legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Tony Benton, who served as the elected Legal Counsel and Assistant Legal Counsel to The Trustees of Purdue University for more than 20 years, is currently celebrating 40 years of association with both Stuart & Branigin and Purdue University; and
WHEREAS, true to its selfless commitment and longstanding service to the University, the firm has played an instrumental role in assisting the development of the University’s internal legal function over the past three years, including through invaluable transitional and ongoing support provided under the direction of Tom Parent, who himself performed exemplary service as a former Legal Counsel and Assistant Legal Counsel to The Trustees of Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, through times of change, the firm has continuously demonstrated its willingness and ability to serve and protect the University’s legal interests while supporting and advancing key initiatives at the heart of Purdue’s land-grant mission; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees desire to recognize the outstanding assistance of Stuart & Branigin and its excellent attorneys, both past and present, and to thank them for the immeasurable contributions they and their predecessors have made to Purdue University over nearly 150 years of service;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Stuart & Branigin and all of its attorneys, both past and present, for their many contributions to Purdue University, dating from the earliest days of its existence until today; and

2. That the Stuart & Branigin attorneys who served over the years as Legal Counsel and/or Assistant Legal Counsel to The Trustees of Purdue University are hereby commended and sincerely thanked, not only for their superb advice and counsel in these roles, but also for their essential and steadfast service to the University; and

3. That the Trustees express deep appreciation for the ongoing work of all Stuart & Branigin attorneys who represent Purdue and its associated foundations in a full range of legal matters, recognizing the value that continues to inure to the benefit of the University from this longstanding and still very special relationship; and

4. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees as part of the permanent record of the University.

JUNE 17, 2016

Michael R. Berghoff, Chairman

Janice A. Indrutz, Secretary