RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR CHRISTINE M. LADISCH

WHEREAS, Dr. Christine M. Ladisch has served Purdue University with excellence, dedication, and generosity as the dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences since the College's founding in 2010; and

WHEREAS, her close association with Purdue dates back more than 40 years to her days as a graduate student in textile science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ladisch served as associate dean for academic affairs in what was known at the time as the College of Consumer and Family Sciences from 1993-1999; and

WHEREAS, she was head of the former Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing from 1999-2001; and

WHEREAS, she joined the Office of the Provost in 2001 as an associate provost, before being named vice provost for academic affairs in 2005, a position she held with distinction until 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ladisch led nine Purdue academic units through a critical transition period in 2010, when the College of Health and Human Sciences was established to generate greater visibility and synergy among Purdue’s research and academic programs in health and human sciences; and

WHEREAS, she was a superb leader as the College's inaugural dean, bringing together nine distinct academic and research cultures from three colleges to launch Purdue's newest academic college and elevate Purdue's reputation; and

WHEREAS, her enthusiasm, dedication, and vision for the College throughout the past eight years have helped foster its successful research pursuits, strong engagement program, and dedicated teaching mission; and

WHEREAS, she has strengthened the College of Health and Human Sciences at all levels since its founding, improving a variety of research and education programs in public health, autism, neuroscience, and behavioral sciences; and

WHEREAS, under her visionary guidance, several new world-class facilities were brought to campus, including the Lyles-Porter Hall, home to the nationally ranked Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, and a clinical MRI for health and life sciences research; and

WHEREAS, her leadership has led the College through a period of tremendous growth and success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ladisch has made countless additional contributions to Purdue, lending her services, for instance, to the Accreditation Steering Committee which helped Purdue earn continued accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 2010; and
WHEREAS, her leadership in the accreditation review process earned her a One Brick Higher Award, given to those who undertake their work with extra vitality, extra care, extra creativity, and extraordinary effort; and

WHEREAS, she was honored with the Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, Purdue's highest undergraduate teaching honor, and her name will forever be listed in Purdue’s Book of Great Teachers; and

WHEREAS, she graciously dedicated her time and expertise to the Board of Trustees Presidential Search Committee to recommend Purdue’s 12th president, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ladisch will continue to hold an integral role at Purdue as the co-chair of the Ideas Festival, the centerpiece of Purdue's sesquicentennial celebration in 2019, as she helps foster discussion and collaboration across the university, the community, K-12 classrooms, and internationally on some of the grandest challenges facing our world; and

WHEREAS, she will step aside as dean of the Purdue University College of Health and Human Sciences effective July 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Purdue will proudly grant her Dean Emerita status after her retirement in recognition of her many formative years of service to the university; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christine M. Ladisch’s impact on higher education at Purdue University has been profound, and her legacy will continue long after her service as dean;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Dr. Christine M. Ladisch’s tenure as dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences on its students, staff and alumni, and in our community; and

2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Dr. Ladisch for her loyalty and service to Purdue University and the College of Health and Human Sciences; and

3. That Dr. Ladisch is to be congratulated and thanked for her tremendous contributions to our University; and

4. That Dr. Ladisch’s many achievements are part of the great, permanent history of Purdue and will never be forgotten; and

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

JUNE 15, 2018

Michael R. Berghoff
Chairman

Janice A. Indrutz
Secretary