

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING ANNA HEALY JAMES

WHEREAS, Anna Healy James was appointed to the Board of Visitors in 2017 and reappointed in 2021. During her eight-year tenure, she was attuned to the interests of the faculty, staff, and students while serving as a member of the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee, the Governance and Administration Committee, and the Executive Committee, as well as both a member and chair of the Compliance, Audit, and Risk Committee and the Finance and Resource Management Committee; and

WHEREAS, an alumna of Virginia Tech, Anna earned her bachelor's degree in business administration and management in 2002 before going on to earn an MBA at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Ms. James is currently the Senior Vice President for Government and Community Relations at Sentara Healthcare. She began her career as the Director of Government Relations for Virginia Commonwealth University and the VCU Health System. From there, she assumed the role of Manager for State Government Affairs for Troutman Sanders Strategies, before serving as Special Assistant to Governor Mark Warner. In that role, she established the governor's Healthy Virginians initiative and advised the governor on issues such as teacher quality, K-12 education, procurement, capital outlay, healthcare and higher education. She subsequently became Policy Director to Governor Terry McAuliffe, a position she held from 2014 until joining Sentara in 2016; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of Lead Virginia and the board of trustees of the Virginia Health Care Foundation. She has also served on the board of the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education, and was notably named in the 2012 list of the Top 15 Healthcare Leaders under 40; and

WHEREAS, the administration and the members of the board truly appreciate the time and support that Anna has dedicated to this Board and the university and have enjoyed getting to know her and her husband, Rhys, and their two children over the course of her eight years of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University hereby extend their sincere appreciation to Anna Healy James for her outstanding service and for her faithful dedication to the university and its missions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution recognizing Anna Healy James for her service as a member of the Board of Visitors be approved.

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