

**RESOLUTION NAMING THE FIRST FLOOR ATRIUM IN BUILDING #4
AT THE FRALIN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
FOR GEORGE B. CARTLEDGE III '86 AND DR. BARBARA CARTLEDGE**

WHEREAS, George B. Cartledge III is a 1986 alumnus of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, having received his Bachelor of Arts in History; and

WHEREAS, George Cartledge and his wife, Dr. Barbara Cartledge, have been well-known citizens and involved community leaders in Roanoke, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, George Cartledge is an active and dedicated member of the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute Advisory Board, offering wise counsel and personal investment that has helped shape the direction and future vision for FBRI; and

WHEREAS, George and Barbara Cartledge have a family history of longstanding support throughout the Roanoke Valley area operating the Cartledge Charitable Foundation, which primarily supports the arts and culture, higher education, social services, health associations, and youth organizations; and

WHEREAS, the unwavering support of George and Barbara Cartledge has enriched Virginia Tech student scholarships, the Taubman Museum of Art, WVTF Radio Operations, Intercollegiate Athletics, FBRI Cancer Research, and Theater Arts, demonstrating their broad reach and impact throughout the institution; and

WHEREAS, the visionary influence of George and Barbara Cartledge will enhance the focus of the vital work of the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute through significant contributions designated to support primary faculty who have demonstrated established research at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC, shining a bright light on the transformational and influential research at the institute; and

WHEREAS, the Cartledges have provided a significant gift to create a hub for collaboration and innovation to give students, faculty, and staff a dynamic environment for strategic encounters to address some of the world's most pressing health challenges; and

WHEREAS, this collaboration space will embody the Cartledge family vision to have an enduring impact on the Virginia Tech and Roanoke communities and beyond, a legacy of service and philanthropy modeled by George B. Cartledge, Jr. and Mary Ann Cartledge, who George B. Cartledge III and Dr. Barbara Cartledge also wish to honor with this naming; and

WHEREAS, George and Barbara Cartledge have been recognized as Distinguished Benefactors within the Ut Prosim Society, the university's most prestigious donor recognition society, and continue to be valued members of the Virginia Tech community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as a tribute to George B. Cartledge III and Dr. Barbara Cartledge and to the influence and investment of the Cartledge family to the current and future biomedical research and technological advances in the Roanoke Valley which will have enduring global impact, the first-floor atrium in Building #4 of the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute be named The Cartledge Collaboratory.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming The Cartledge Collaboratory be approved.

March 25, 2025