RESOLUTION TO NAME THE MYERS-LAWSON SCHOOL OF CONSTRUCTION PHASE II BUILDING IN THE INTELLIGENT INFRASTRUCTURE COMPLEX FOR RUSSELL AND JOAN HITT

WHEREAS, Russell and Joan Hitt are valued friends who have honored Virginia Tech through their service and generosity as civic and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, Russell and Joan Hitt have invested in the future of the university and its students over the years, including hiring numerous Virginia Tech students who have impressed the Hitts with their energy, work ethic, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Russell Hitt serves as chairman of HITT Contracting, Inc., one of the nation's leading 100 general contractors, which has established a scholarship at Virginia Tech for deserving students; and

WHEREAS, Russell Hitt and his son, Brett Hitt, have shared their time and expertise as volunteer leaders to the Myers-Lawson School of Construction Industry Board, joining other industry leaders in an advisory capacity to insure building construction education at the university is one of the premier programs in the country; and

WHEREAS, Russell and Joan Hitt have made a significant commitment to the Intelligent Infrastructure Complex that will support teaching, collaborations, and prototyping work, further connecting top-ranked programs in engineering and architecture that will be located in the North Academic Precinct; and

WHEREAS, Russell and Joan Hitt have been recognized as members of the President's Circle of the Ut Prosim Society, the university's most prestigious donor recognition society, for their generous contributions to the Myers-Lawson School of Construction and the building construction department to support educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, Russell and Joan Hitt have been and continue to be valued members of the university community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Russell and Joan Hitt, and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, the Myers-Lawson School of Construction Phase II Building will be known as Hitt Hall.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming Hitt Hall be approved.

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