1. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR TRUSTEE EMERITUS BRUCE W. WIDGER DVM 1951: Voted, with a heartfelt moment of silence, to adopt the following resolution to honor the late Bruce W. Widger DVM 1951, trustee emeritus.

**Bruce Widger**, a member of the College of Veterinary Medicine class of 1951, died on March 6, 2017, at the age of 92. A devoted family man, dedicated leader, and loyal alumnus, he is deeply mourned by his many friends at Cornell.

**Whereas**, Bruce Widger graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine and also served as chancellor of the Alpha Zeta fraternity and a member of the Baptist Student Fellowship.

**Whereas**, Bruce Widger pursued an exceptional professional career caring for and treating animals. First working in Skaneateles alongside Dr. Robert Nichols, and later, after buying a practice from Dr. Harry Sutton in Unadilla, NY, he returned to Central New York to operate a small and large animal practice partnership with Dr. Nichols for over twenty years. He joined the New York State Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industry in 1978, becoming the state veterinarian until his retirement in 1990. His depth of care and knowledge aided countless animals and their caregivers over his remarkable 39-year career.

**Whereas**, Bruce Widger volunteered throughout his lifetime to serve Cornell, advancing the university with his loyalty and dedication. He was a member at various times of the Glee Club Advisory Council, College of Human Ecology Advisory Council, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Advisory Council, and, notably, the College of Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council for 21 years. In 1961, he joined the Cornell University Board of Trustees as the New York State Grange representative and served with distinction for twenty years before becoming a trustee emeritus in 1981. He was a vice-chair and chair of the Committee on Buildings and Properties and a chair of the Committee on Community Communications, in addition to serving on a number of other board committees. In 1995, he was presented with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award.

**Whereas**, Bruce Widger served his community as a deeply involved civic leader in organizations throughout New York State. He was a longtime member of the Marcellus, Onondaga Pomona, and New York State Grange. He was a member of Morning Star Masonic Lodge in Marcellus, progressing through a variety of local, district, and state leadership positions. He was chair of the Marcellus Town Zoning Board for 16 years, a founding member of the Marcellus Rotary Club, a trustee of the Skaneateles Saving Bank, director of the Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company, and an officer of the Marcellus Historical Society.
Whereas, Bruce Widger is survived by his wife, Mary Currie Clark; his daughter, Jane Milem HumEc ’76, and sons, Byron Widger CALS ’79 and Dwight Widger; daughters-in-law Jenifer Widger A&S ’79 and Michelle Widger; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Whereas, the Board of Trustees joins the family and friends of Bruce Widger in mourning the death of this admired Cornellian, veterinarian, and civic leader who brought great distinction to his alma mater and whose commitment and thoughtful leadership leave an indelible mark at the university.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees deems that this token of esteem for Bruce Widger be read into the minutes and that a copy be shared with his family, as an expression of the board’s sympathy and to register the board’s deep sense of loss at the passing of this exceptional man.

RESOLUTION HONORING HUNTER R. RAWLINGS III, INTERIM PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT EMERITUS AND PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS EMERITUS, AND ELIZABETH TRAPNELL RAWLINGS (Harrison): The Chairman of the Board of Trustees RECOMMENDS adoption of the following resolution to honor Hunter R. Rawlings III AND Elizabeth Trapnell Rawlings.

Whereas, President Hunter R. Rawlings III, Cornell University’s 10th president, and Elizabeth Trapnell Rawlings have served Cornell University with extraordinary dedication for more than two decades, including in critical interim roles following the resignation of Jeffrey Lehman and again following the untimely death of Elizabeth Garrett;

Whereas, Hunter Rawlings has strengthened the academic mission of the entire university while highlighting the centrality of the arts and humanities and, during the current academic year, has spearheaded a process of curriculum review by the faculty with an emphasis on the value of a liberal education;

Whereas, Hunter Rawlings has been a forceful advocate for collaboration across Cornell’s New York State campuses, a champion of the university’s expanding footprint in New York City, and the creator of the “hinge project” to support stronger connections between faculty on the Ithaca campus and at Cornell Tech;

Whereas, under Hunter Rawlings’s leadership, Cornell received an unprecedented $150 million gift from Trustee Emeritus H. Fisk Johnson III and his family’s company, SC Johnson, to name the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business, catalyzing the new college’s potential for excellence through the linking of its component schools: the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, the School of Hotel Administration, and the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management;

Whereas, Hunter Rawlings, an eminent classicist, returned to active faculty status in the Department of Classics in the College of Arts and
Sciences during the current academic year and played an active role with faculty colleagues in both the department and the college;

Whereas, Elizabeth Rawlings has provided outstanding leadership at Cornell as a member of the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art’s Advisory Council and the Laboratory of Ornithology’s Administrative Board, and through her significant involvement in Cornell affairs and in the wider community;

Whereas, Hunter Rawlings and Elizabeth Rawlings deferred their retirement in order to guide Cornell while the university searched for its 14th president and, in so doing, increased the university’s stature within American higher education and its impact on the world;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees expresses and duly records its profound appreciation to Hunter R. Rawlings III and Elizabeth Trapnell Rawlings for selfless commitment to Cornell University.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees recognizes Hunter and Elizabeth Rawlings for their service to the university by creating a tribute to Hunter Rawlings in the foyer of Goldwin Smith Hall and naming the Elizabeth Trapnell Rawlings Garden at the A.D. White House, and extends to them its heartfelt gratitude for their unparalleled devotion to Cornell.

Voted unanimously to meet in executive session to discuss contractual, litigation, and other confidential matters affecting administration of the contract colleges and to meet in closed session to discuss matters related to endowed Ithaca, Cornell NYC Tech, the Weill Cornell Medicine, and to the University at large.

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