



**WHEREAS**, General J. H. Binford (“Binnie”) Peay, III, a member of VMI Class of 1962, served his country in the United States Army and VMI as its Superintendent with uncommon dedication and achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, VMI grew under his leadership to significantly greater prominence and success among American colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, any objective review of his contributions to VMI’s success since he became VMI’s Fourteenth Superintendent would rank him perhaps as the Institute’s most consequential leader in the best tradition of leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, he has stoically, but unfairly and unjustly borne the brunt of the recent negative allegations levelled at VMI; and

**WHEREAS**, General Peay’s service to VMI has therefore gone largely unrecognized, unappreciated and ignored; and

**WHEREAS**, General Peay deserves to be honored by VMI for the invaluable contributions he made and the relentless dedication to excellence he fostered at VMI; **THEREFORE**,

**BE IT KNOWN** that, those attending the 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Class of 1961, **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that General Peay be honored in a demonstrable fashion by the Board of Visitors of VMI, the VMI Alumni Association and those others who should accept the mantle of doing so for his unequalled service to VMI and through it to VMI, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation and that this Resolution be appropriately circulated so its message is widely received by the VMI community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that General Peay is hereby nominated by us to receive the New Market Award from the Board of Visitors and the Distinguished Service Award from the VMI Foundation.

I, Wyatt B. Durette, the President of the VMI Class of 1961, do attest that this resolution was adopted by the class in convocation at Natural Bridge, Virginia on the 5 day of October 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wyatt B. Durette". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Wyatt B. Durette, President