RESOLUTION FOR CONGRESSMAN PAYNE SCHOLARSHIP

WHEREAS, Congressman Donald M. Payne, Sr. stood as a giant and his life was a shining beacon and model to behold and emulate; and

WHEREAS, the NJIT Community were greatly saddened by the recent death of Congressman Payne; and

WHEREAS, as someone who worked tirelessly to promote access to higher education in New Jersey, Congressman Payne was a special friend of NJIT and the students we serve; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Payne was always a champion of efforts to provide the resources needed to carry out our university’s mission; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Payne personally sponsored all of NJIT’s requests for Congressionally directed funding that over the years have brought tens of millions of dollars of Federal funding back to New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, this support has greatly strengthened our university’s research and development capacity and helped us to forge new partnerships and capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Payne was a national leader and staunch advocate of educational opportunities for all talented men and women. He firmly believed in education as a path to individual success and economic security, and to prosperity for our entire nation in the 21st century; and

THEREFORE, in Recognition of Congressman Payne’s extraordinary contributions as a renowned leader and acclaimed public servant beloved by the NJIT Community and the people of New Jersey and the Nation, the NJIT Board of Trustees hereby establishes the Congressman Donald M. Payne, Sr. Scholarship to assist in the support of undergraduate students who demonstrate the potential exemplary leadership in public service to the State and Nation.

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