RESOLUTION TO AWRAD HONORARY DEGREES TO EDWARD CRUZ
CARLOS DOMINGUEZ AND LT. GENERAL ELLEN PAWLIKOWSKI

WHEREAS, by awarding honorary degrees, New Jersey Institute of Technology recognizes outstanding individuals whose accomplishments are of such excellence that they provide inspiration to our graduates, and in honoring such individuals, the university is honored as well; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals have displayed the level of exemplary achievement deemed worthy of the singular recognition conveyed by the conferral of an honorary degree by the university namely,

Edward Cruz ’63, whose success as a businessman and as a highly respected community leader is outstanding. E.E. Cruz & Company was founded by Edward Cruz and his cousin in 1984 and today the company is one of the larger public works construction companies in the New York-New Jersey area having put in place close to $2 billion of infrastructure in the last 26 years. NJIT is proud that such an accomplished individual is an alumnus of the Newark College of Engineering. He has displayed extraordinary effort through his support of the Newark community, including its students, workforce, businesses, and schools. In his career, successes, and philanthropic activities, Edward Cruz exemplifies the type of committed individual we want NJIT’s students to aspire to be.

Carlos Dominguez, whose outstanding career in global communications provides an extraordinary example of what determination and talent can achieve for students who will be graduating from NJIT, one of the nation’s most diverse technological universities. Carlos Dominguez has been an outstanding businessman, serving as Senior Vice President in Cisco Systems’ Office of the Chairman of the Board and CEO. His close relationships with worldwide communications providers give him a unique perspective on how the internet is changing and how technological trends such as video and social networking are impacting our lives at work and at home. Recently, he was named one of the top 50 Hispanic executives in the United States by Hispanic Engineering and Information Technology magazine. NJIT and its students have also benefited greatly from his active involvement as a member of the NJIT Board of Overseers and its Marketing and Branding Committee.

Lt. General Ellen Pawlikowski ’78, PhD, whose outstanding career with the United States Air Force has been an exemplary model of achievement worthy of the highest level of recognition that a university can bestow. NJIT is proud that such an accomplished Commander in the United States Air Force began her career in the ROTC program at NJIT, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. The vital work that
General Pawlikowski does at the Los Angeles Air Force Base managing the research, design, development, acquisition, and sustainment of satellites and the associated command and control systems is critical to the operational performance of her sphere of command. She truly exemplifies the type of committed and successful individual that NJIT wants its students to aspire to be.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NJIT will confer upon Edward Cruz the Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Science, honoris causa; upon Carlos Dominguez the Honorary Degree of Doctorate Humane Letters, honoris causa; and Lt. General Ellen Pawlikowski, PhD, the Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Science, honoris causa, at the May 20, 2013, NJIT Commencement Ceremony at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey.

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