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Honoring and recognizing the honorable President Matthew Schure, Ph.D. for his trailblazing efforts in the fields of higher education and Osteopathic Medicine and his leadership at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine on this occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Matthew Schure, Ph.D. has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) since 2000, where he has been a visionary with a focus on mission-centered instructional, research and service outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Prior to being named President of PCOM, Dr. Schure served as President and Chief Executive Officer of New York Institute of Technology from 1991 through 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schure graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Magnum Cum Laude from Queens College (CUNY) in New York with a Degree in Psychology. Dr. Schure went on to acquire his Master's Degree in 1970, his M.Ph. in 1976 and his Ph.D. in 1976, all from Columbia University in New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schure has served as an avid leader, teacher, and counselor, instilling enormous pride in PCOM's osteopathic heritage and its unrivaled commitment to recruit and train Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) and graduate students who will employ holistic approaches to clinical, didactic and other professional responsibilities-helping to meet the needs of medically-underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious career Dr. Schure has been able to share his knowledge and enthusiasm for education through presentations such as a Presentation of Measurement of Institutional Effectiveness to the Committee on College Accreditation Training; he presented as a keynote speaker at the POMA 98th Annual Clinical Assembly and Scientific Seminar on "Challenges of Osteopathic Medical College Presidency"; he presented as the keynote speaker at Middle States Commission on Higher Education Virtual Library Services, the Curriculum and Accreditation Conference on "The Impact of Virtual Learning Technologies on Campus-Based Institutions and the Importance of Information Literacy" in Philadelphia; he presented as the keynote speaker to the Math, Science and Technology Conference for the Chicago Public School Systemic Initiative; presented on "High Technology and its Implications for Continuing Education" to the Genesee Region Association for Continuing/Community Education; and he presented on the "Identification and Treatment of Occupational Stress" to the 31st Annual Institute, New York Central Labor Council, New York, NY; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schure has published many papers and articles, both alone and with colleagues. Such publications include, "The Long Island Self Help Clearinghouse: a locus for community psychology practice"; "A Social Ecological Perspective on Participation in Community Organizations"; "Debt Control for Young DOs" published in the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association; "Coping With the Stresses of an Osteopathic Medical Education" published in the Student Doctor and "Explaining to Patients Variables Affecting Interpretation of Medical Research Reports" published in the Osteopathic Annals, in addition to many other publications; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schure has contributed his knowledge, leadership and time for the betterment of society by

serving as Chair of the *City Avenue Special Services District Board*, the *Life Sciences Career Alliance*, the *Adult Learning Taskforce of the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board* and the *American Osteopathic Association Council on Predoctoral Education*; as well as serving as Trustee of the *Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Pennsylvania*; Trustee Emeritus of the *New York Institute of Technology Board of Trustees*; and as a Member of the Board of Trustees for the *Philadelphia Academies*; and

WHEREAS, As a result of his hard work and commitment to excellence, Dr. Schure has been conferred many accolades from state, regional, and national institutions over the course of his career including the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal, PCOM's highest award, presented to reward and recognize leadership to the osteopathic profession and to the college; Riland Medal for Public Service from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine of New York Institute of Technology (2006); "Good Neighbor Award" Central Islip Civic Council (1999); Award of Appreciation from the Israeli Consulate (1998); Joseph Giacalone Award for Outstanding Leadership for Economic Development (1997); and the New York State Osteopathic Medical Society, Inc., President's Citation (1997); and

WHEREAS, President Schure is loved and embraced by his students past and present and has been presented with both a Certificate of Honor and a Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Association; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor and recognize the Honorable President Matthew Schure, Ph.D. for his trailblazing efforts in the fields of higher education and Osteopathic Medicine and his leadership at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine on this occasion of his retirement.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented as a sincere expression of City Council's appreciation and recognition.