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Robert A. DiMuccio  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Amica Mutual Insurance Company

With a hands-on leadership style, Robert DiMuccio makes managing very personal. He inspires what would otherwise be just another large company to be one which is recognized for its high level of service to its policy holders; at the same time, he looks for ways to serve as a positive corporate citizen to the world beyond just Amica; those with whom he works serve as witnesses to his dreams to improve the greater community in which he and they operate, to make RI a better place to live and work.

To this end, he is described by employees as a civic-minded man who guides his firm as the chief corporate citizen, leading such causes as Amica’s Community Involvement Program; Amica’s Volunteer Day Initiative; and the firm’s Matching Gift Plan.

Beyond the firm’s immediate base of operations, he has sought to develop the economic climate of RI by supporting key pension reform initiatives and serving on the Chamber of Commerce of Providence.

To a person, colleagues note his every-day humility, his genuine, down-to-earth persona, and his attention to important details to care for -- which frequently call for his personal involvement and participation. When he carries out this duties as either executive or community citizen, he brings out the best in those he collaborates with.

COMMENDATION AND DECLARATION

Robert DiMuccio, with a roll up your sleeves approach to getting important things going, you personify what it means to be a servant-leader.

By your professionalism and personal involvement in the affairs of commerce and community, you inspire others to exemplify some of the central ideals which Bryant University stands for: Personal attention to the details of managing for excellence, caring for the common good, and challenging others to pursue such an ideal.

The faculty is privileged to have you at these 151st commencement ceremonies and this institution is honored to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Business Administration, honoris causa, with all its rights and privileges.
Scott C. Donnelly
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Textron, Inc.

Scott Donnelly leads a vital, forceful life as an executive, industry pace-setter, involved alumnus, and family man. In his daily life he acts with clarity as to what is important and, in the process inspires others around him to manage and live vitally as well.

Since his arrival at Textron during formidable economic times for the nation, he has cultivated a management mind-set which has prompted others to work to make the culture there different and better, one that embraces a clearer vision of what efficiency, innovation, and quality ought to be like. Mr. Donnelly’s passion for the advancement the aerospace industry is heartfelt and practical: he is an avid aviator—a pilot himself—and, thus, a frequent flyer of his own personal aircraft.

He is a strong proponent of the region’s and the nation’s focus on education, particularly in science, technology, engineering and math. He holds dear non-business affairs as well. Family plays a central role in Mr. Donnelly’s life, one in which he makes time to attend to what’s important on the home front, including serving as a coach for his son’s hockey team.

He serves on the Advisory Board of the Make-A-Wish Foundation; he dedicates time and financial support to his alma mater, indeed serving as a guide and leader on the College of Engineering Advisory Council. To this day he is an involved participant in the life of his college as well as a respected, honored graduate; in recognition of his many contributions, he was bestowed the Alumni Recognition Award in 2013.

**COMMENDATION AND DECLARATION**

Scott Donnelly, you are recognized today for living a successful life which exemplifies a no-entitlement value system, one which reflects the belief that what one gets in terms of results in Life is a direct function of the personal and professional investments made in the first place.

*Bryant University strives to cultivate graduates who—like you—see that a vital, rewarding career is made up of more than simply acclaim or commercial gain--that true success in Life also encompasses a wide range of interests, including the personal, the professional, and the nurturing of meaningful, long-standing institutional relationships.*

*Scott Donnelly, you are a principled leader and a man of honor. Today, Bryant University is proud to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Business Administration, honoris causa, with all its rights and privileges.*
Richard W. Fisher  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Richard Fisher is the personification of how the American dream works. His life and achievements are a testament to what an education and diligence in the pursuit of a dream can achieve—starting from an inauspicious, hard-scrabble childhood, to the United States Naval Academy, to Harvard, to Oxford, to Stanford, to Wall Street, to the United States Treasury, to serving as a United States ambassador, and today to position of President and CEO of one of 12 Federal Reserve banks in the nation; to now serving as a voting member of the Open Market Committee, the monetary policy making body of the Federal Reserve System. These achievements are especially noteworthy because they occurred in a single lifetime as a first-generation American.

In his career, Mr. Fisher has served on numerous for-profit and not-for-profit boards. He has maintained his academic interests, teaching graduate courses and serving on several university boards. He was a Weatherhead Fellow at Harvard in 2001, is an honorary fellow of Hertford College at Oxford University, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is equally fluent in Spanish and English, having spent his formative years in Mexico.

In 2006, the American Assembly presented Mr. Fisher with The Dwight D. Eisenhower Service to Democracy Award. This fall, he will receive the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service.

Mr. Fisher has been a powerful voice of caution before the United States Congress, in the national media, and at the Federal Reserve regarding the Fed’s stimulus program.

His powerful, bipartisan, “Main Street” view about banking is uncomplicated and direct; simply stated, he is an advocate for a back-to-fundamentals approach for bankers to follow: know your customer, know your risk—and by doing simply that, relieve the American taxpayer from paying the price of what in practice is an arguably flawed banking system.

COMMENDATION AND DECLARATION

Richard Fisher, you are recognized today for living an accomplished life, in large part because of your industry as well as your ability to make the opportunity of a sound education count for the most. This institution and the faculty who teach here share with you the belief that for the individual, the chance to learn and to have a job is the path to dignity.

Also, your efforts as a public policy maker and influencer to advance economic well-being for ordinary Americans is highly prized—and which also serves to safeguard the career opportunities you once had to still be possible for anyone who has the ability and ambition to carry them out.

It is an immense pleasure, Mr. Fisher, to have you present here today. Bryant University is thus honored to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all its rights and privileges.
Joyce M. Roche  
Immediate Past President and Chief Executive Officer  
Girls Inc.

Joyce Roché is an individual who lives to give. She is described by colleagues as one whose ambition it is to serve others and make the world a better place; this was certainly the case during her tenure at Girls Inc. Under her leadership there, the organization substantially increased its corporate and private base of philanthropy, expanded its reach into more cities, built a strong board of directors, and improved its operating efficiency.

The recipient of numerous awards, honors, and recognized by BusinessWeek, Fortune, and Black Enterprise Magazine, Joyce Roché is the author of the book "The Empress Has No Clothes," a personal memoir that offers practical advice and personal and professional success strategies.

Among a variety of other board affiliations, she holds directorships with AT&T, Inc., Tupperware Brands Corporation, Macy’s Inc., and the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Inc. She is chair of the board of trustees of Dillard University.

Those who work with her, report that Ms. Roché is an immensely caring, giving individual, but despite all the accolades she receives, she is always a down-to-earth, approachable person. Her staff, who from time to time find it challenging to keep pace with hers, refer to her affectionately as “the Energizer Bunny.”

COMMENDATION AND DECLARATION

Joyce Roché, you are acknowledged today for your many contributions to the advancement of deserving young females as well as your seemingly boundless time and energy devoted to a wide range of other needs which compete for your attention. More significantly, however, you are recognized here for not only your ability to foster positive change, but you are also honored as one who inspires other individuals to be better persons as a result of knowing and interacting with you.

In short, your life exemplifies a high ideal of this institution, namely that of fostering one’s capacity to be a difference maker in a needy world. You should know that the faculty, staff, and administration at Bryant University share with you the life-purpose of investing personal and institutional energies in the development of those who will be the citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

You are indeed a generous person and an acknowledged leader of others; there is little doubt that the world would benefit immensely were there more individuals like Joyce Roché. Therefore, Bryant University is honored to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all its rights and privileges.