TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, November 2021

FROM: Antonio Luque, Region 8 Director

SUBJECT: Resolution for Jacob Baal-Schem

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In September 2021, Jacob Baal-Schem, IEEE Life Member, IEEE Israel Section Chair (1978-1981), IEEE Region 8 Conference Coordinator (1981-1994), IEEE Region 8 History Activities Coordinator (2007-2010), Region 8 Life Members Coordinator (2004-2006, 2009-2010, 2013-2014), passed away. Jacob was a dedicated IEEE volunteer and the recipient of the Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award in 1987 for his involvement in initiating MELECON in 1981, and of the Region 8 Volunteer Award in 2008.

**PROPOSED ACTION**

# That the following resolution on behalf of Jacob Baal-Schem and his family shall be approved in honor of his contributions to IEEE and the IEEE community.

RESOLUTION

The IEEE Region 8 Committee expresses its deepest sympathy to the Baal-Schem family on the passing of Jacob. Jacob was an outstanding leader who served IEEE, IEEE Israel Section, and IEEE Region 8, with exemplary dedication and contributed to make IEEE Region 8 excel in many aspects.

**Biographical Information**

Jacob Baal-Schem has been heavily involved with various organizational unit and boards of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) for over thirty years. He joined the Life Members Committee in 2004 and the History Committee in 2008 (and rejoined the History Committee in 2015), and was also a member of the IEEE Transnational Committee and the IEEE Communications Society. His involvement with these groups led to the initiation of historical projects including the regular Region 8 history conferences (HISTELCON) beginning in 2008, more collaboration between the Life Member and History committees, and increased activity and involvement of Life Members. Additionally, he served as chair of the Life Members Chapter Group in Israel and served as the IEEE Israel Section Chair from 1978 to 1981 and Region 8's History Activities Coordinator. For his many contributions to IEEE, Baal-Schem received the Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award of 1987 for his involvement in initiating MELECON in 1981, and the IEEE Region 8 Volunteer Award in 2008.

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