TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, November 2021

FROM: Antonio Luque, Region 8 Director

SUBJECT: Resolution for Uzia Galil

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On 15 June 2021, Uzia Galil, IEEE Life Fellow, founder of the Israel Section, IEEE Israel Section Chair (1966-1967), passed away. Uzia was instrumental in creating IRE Israel Section in 1954, the first Section in IRE Region 9, in the Eastern Hemisphere and in what is now IEEE Region 8. He received an IEEE President Certificate of Appreciation in 2015 as one of the creators of Israel High-Tech.

**PROPOSED ACTION**

# That the following resolution on behalf of Uzia Galil 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 Galil family on the passing of Uzia. Uzia was an outstanding leader who served IEEE, its predecessor organization IRE, and Israel Section, with exemplary dedication and contributed to make IEEE a transnational organization.

**Biographical Information**

Uzia Galil, a graduate of the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology (BSc-1947) and Purdue University in the USA (MScEE – 1953), was the founder of Elron Electronic Industries Ltd., the first high technology multinational holding company based in Israel and operating worldwide. Elron developed about 25 high-tech companies in Medical Imaging, Defense Electronics, Communications, Machine Vision and Semiconductors. Uzia Galil has served as Chief Executive Officer of Elron for 38 years (1962-1999) and chairman or director of most companies founded by Elron. Prior to founding Elron, Uzia Galil was the head of the Electronic Department of the Faculty of Physics at the Technion (1957-1962), Head of Electronic Research in the Israeli Navy (1954-1957) and worked in R&D for Motorola in Chicago (1953-54).

In 1999, Uzia Galil founded Uzia Initiatives and Management Ltd. to develop regional innovations, particularly in consumer electronics, for global markets. He is also the founder of the Galil Center for Medical Informatics and Telemedicine, based at the Technion’s Bruce Rapaport Faculty of Medicine in Haifa. which is one of the few Medical schools in the world that integrates the study of Computer Science, biomedical engineering and other engineering disciplines with medical studies. The Galil Center was established to support interdisciplinary research in computer science, engineering, and medicine.

Uzia Galil has been awarded Honorary Doctorate degrees from Technion-Israel Institute of Technology (1977), The Weizman Institute of Science (1991), Polytechnic University New York (1995), Ben Gurion University (1999), the Solomon Bublick Prize Laureate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2003) and the Outstanding Electrical and Computer Engineer Award by the Purdue University, USA (2006). In 1997 he was awarded the prestigious Israel Prize for his contribution to the development of the Israel high-tech industry.

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