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Portrait of Thomas W. Moss Jr., '50, displayed in research building that bears his name

Blacksburg, VA - November 9, 2017 -- The Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center (VTCRC) announced the generous donation of a portrait in honor of the late Thomas W. Moss Jr. to be permanently displayed in the building that bears his name.

The building was named after Moss in September 1997. Moss was a 1950 graduate of Virginia Tech in building construction and speaker of the House of Delegates. The Thomas W. Moss Jr. Research Building honors the long-time supporter of higher education in Virginia. Moss spent 36 years as a legislator; including 9 years as House speaker. Moss, a lawyer, was first elected to the House in 1965, representing a district in Norfolk and later reelected every two years for a total of 18 terms. He spent 11 years as House majority leader before he was elected speaker in 1991.

Norma Moss said, "Tom loved Virginia Tech. He had many happy memories of the years' he spent there, and spent the rest of his life dedicated to the school. One of his proudest accomplishments was when they named the Thomas W. Moss, Jr. Research Building in his honor. I am so glad to be able to donate this portrait to be hung there. I know this is where he would like for it to be."

Dawn Myers, Chief Operating Officer for the VTCRC, said "On behalf of Joe Meredith, Ph.D., President & CEO for the VTCRC, we are honored to have his portrait in the Thomas W. Moss Jr. Research Building as a reminder to his legacy and dedication to education."

The Thomas W. Moss Jr. Research Building is located at 1900 Kraft Drive at the research park.

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