

EMU Board of Regents

RESOLUTION:

In honor of Dean Vernon C. Polite and recognition of his distinguished service

Whereas, Eastern Michigan University recognizes that the position of College Dean requires an extraordinary commitment of time, energy, dedication and leadership, *and*

Whereas, Dr. Vernon C. Polite served the University with distinction as dean of the EMU College of Education from 2005 until his death in 2010, *and*

Whereas, Dr. Polite brought exemplary vision, innovation, and expertise to his position at EMU, *and*

Whereas, Dr. Polite personally embodied and carried forth EMU's commitment to the principles of diversity, community engagement, access, respect and excellence, *and*

Whereas, Dr. Polite was an accomplished scholar and consummate professional, writing book chapters, making 16 presentations, obtaining two federal earmarks, and collaboratively establishing the Courageous Conversations state-wide conference series at EMU, *and*

Whereas, Dr. Polite worked tirelessly to advance the EMU College of Education throughout the state, the region, the nation and the world, *and*

Whereas, Dr. Polite was broadly known as a mentor, encourager, friend, and teacher—a man of great dignity, gentleness and wisdom who always created time in his life for students and colleagues, *and*

Whereas, Dr. Polite championed social justice and equality, and most of all, was an uncompromising advocate of truth in all things, *and*

Whereas, Dr. Polite volunteered as co-chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration on campus, *and*

Whereas, Dr. Polite was an exceptional advocate for Eastern Michigan University and its students, faculty and staff in both public and private settings,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the EMU Board of Regents honors Vernon C. Polite and holds him in the highest esteem; greatly appreciates his distinguished service to EMU; recognizes the significant, lasting contributions he made to the University community and the College during the brief time he was among us; and thanks him and all those who supported him in making EMU a better place.