

RESOLUTION:

In honor of Gary D. Hawks and in recognition of his distinguished service

WHEREAS, Gary D. Hawks was appointed to the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents by Governor Jennifer Granholm in January 2007, and served through December 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawks, during his appointment, served with distinction as chair of the Student Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawks served Eastern Michigan University in a variety of roles from 1964-1981, including director of personnel, executive director of university relations, vice president of university relations and secretary to the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawks worked for the Michigan Department of Education, serving as Deputy Superintendent and as Interim Superintendent, an experience that proved valuable for Eastern Michigan University in its relationship with the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawks received the Dr. John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award by the EMU Alumni Association in 1999 for his leadership in statewide educational issues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawks has given his time and talents to countless community organizations, including helping to establish the Eastern Leaders Group, supporting the creation of SPARK East, and being active in the Boy Scouts of America, Greater Ypsilanti Area Kiwanis Club, and Ypsilanti Little League Football; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawks earned a master's degree in higher education from Eastern Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawks' tenure on the EMU Board of Regents has been characterized by the highest degree of professionalism and personal integrity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents expresses its great appreciation to Gary D. Hawks for his service and with sincere gratitude thanks him, and his wife Shirley Hawks, for their many contributions to Eastern Michigan University and most especially the students we serve and his dedication to Eastern Michigan University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of Eastern Michigan University confers upon Gary D. Hawks the title "Regent Emeritus," with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.