

Whereas you willingly embraced strategic leadership roles over the past 35 years at Eastern Michigan University, directing institutional growth and guiding major initiatives in such roles as Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, Senior Executive for Strategic Planning, Associate Vice President for Extended Programs, Interim Director for the Office of Research Development, Assistant to the Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, and Coordinator of EMU's Social Work Program; and

Whereas you willingly accepted the role as a stand-in for the president from 2007 to 2008 during a time of extreme challenge for the University and brought calm and stability back to the campus; and

Whereas your professional accomplishments merited numerous prestigious awards, in particular the American Council on Education (ACE) Fellowship in 1990-91, and have brought distinction to yourself and to Eastern Michigan University; and

Whereas your professional activities and community involvement, notably your service on numerous boards and agencies throughout the State of Michigan, the Community of Ypsilanti and Eastern Michigan University, have had a lasting impact; and

Whereas you and fellow colleagues in the EMU Social Work program were instrumental in the creation of the Department of Social Work with you being its first academic department head and, under your leadership from 1981 to 1996, the Department of Social Work was one of the fastest growing units in the new College of Health and Human Services; and

Whereas your overall leadership from 1981 to 1996 also resulted in outstanding overall growth across the University as a whole in both undergraduate and graduate enrollment, as well as in externally funded grants; and

Whereas your unending commitment to student excellence, student retention and EMU programs has benefited students, faculty, colleagues and the University as a whole;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that members of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents call upon the University community to join them in expressing the esteem in which we hold Dr. Donald M. Loppnow and our sincere gratitude for his longstanding dedication and commitment to the Division of Academic Affairs, the Ypsilanti community and Eastern Michigan University.