

Resolution:

Whereas, the Eastern Michigan University forensic team earned its 40th consecutive top ten finish at the 2011 National Forensic Association's individual events national tournament; the only team in the nation to place in the top ten since the inception of the national tournament in 1971; and

Whereas, Eastern Michigan University's **Tylor "Omar" Orme**, a senior from Holt, Michigan, and former recipient of both the Harold E. Sponberg Endowed Scholarship and the Dr. Everett L. Marshall Endowed Scholarship, won the national championship in Impromptu Speaking at the American Forensic Association's individual events national tournament, receiving five out of five first place ballots in the national final round; and

Whereas, Omar's victory represents the 68<sup>th</sup> individual national championship earned by an Eastern Michigan University forensic competitor; and

Whereas, the Eastern Michigan University forensic team won its thirty-sixth Michigan intercollegiate state speech and debate championship; and

Whereas, Eastern Michigan University's Jon Stowell, a senior from Grand Blanc, Michigan, won his fourth consecutive state championship in Extemporaneous Speaking; and

Whereas, Eastern Michigan University's Communication, Media, and Theatre Arts Department Head, **Mr. Dennis Beagen**, was awarded the Presidential Founder's Trophy by the National Forensic Association, naming him the architect of the modern forensic program and honoring him for his lifetime of service to intercollegiate forensics;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents hereby congratulates the Eastern Michigan University forensic team, Director **Ray Quiel**, Assistant Directors **Michael Marion** and **Amy Johnson**, and Graduate Assistants **Maggie Waid**, **Marisa Dluge**, and **Courtney Wright** for the honor and distinction they have brought to themselves as well as Eastern Michigan University.

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Regents wishes the forensic team continued success in the years to come.