

RESOLUTION

Recognition of Roy E. Wilbanks

WHEREAS, Roy E. Wilbanks was appointed to the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents by Governor Jennifer Granholm in 2004 and has served with distinction; and,

WHEREAS, he honorably served as Chair of the Board of Regents from February 2009 to December 2012, with an extraordinary commitment of time, energy and passion; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Wilbanks' business sense, expertise, wisdom and unwavering commitment to Eastern led to the development of a Capital Improvement Plan that generated over \$200 million dollars in campus improvements; and,

WHEREAS, before his service on the Board, Regent Wilbanks served many roles on campus including: Assistant to the President for Government and Community Relations, Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents, Executive Vice President, and President and Chief Executive Officer of the EMU Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, his vision led to the formation of the EMU Foundation and the creation of the beautiful Eagle Crest Golf Course and Conference Center Resort; and,

WHEREAS, he is a lifelong resident of the Ypsilanti community, earned his Master of Science degree from Eastern and as a former NCAA athlete, is an avid, vocal supporter of Eastern athletics and an ambassador for all of our students; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Wilbanks received the 2003 Dr. John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award, named in honor of his mentor, former EMU President, Dr. John W. Porter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents acknowledges that we hold Roy E. Wilbanks in the highest esteem for his distinguished service and dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of Eastern Michigan University confers upon Roy E. Wilbanks the title "Regent Emeritus," with all the rights, honors and privileges thereto.

December 6, 2012