

RESOLUTION

Recognition of Dennis M. Beagen

WHEREAS, since 1967, proud EMU alumnus Dennis M. Beagen has served in the roles of classroom teacher, director of EMU Forensics, interim dean of continuing education, associate provost, and department head of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing that fundraising and “friendraising” were essential, he led advancement initiatives including the \$1.5-million “Build Theatre” campaign, the \$17-million “Campaign for Scholars” and helped raise over \$1 million for the Undergraduate Research Symposium; and,

WHEREAS, countless students have called him “Coach,” and under his direction the Forensics Team became a national powerhouse earning its first national team championship in 1973, beginning a legacy of excellence; and,

WHEREAS, his passion and dedication to the Department of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts always led him “back home,” where he implemented a student-centered leadership model and proudly served as department head for a noteworthy 31 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents expresses its great appreciation to Dennis M. Beagen for 45 years of extraordinary leadership and commitment, and thanks him for his compassion, spontaneity and heart-felt belief in this institution.

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