

**RESOLUTION**

**Recognition of the EMU Poetry Society**

WHEREAS, the Poetry Society was founded at Eastern Michigan University in 2001 and has worked to create a campus environment where talented poets can cultivate and perfect their artistry while making positive contributions to the campus community; and,

WHEREAS, senior Darius Simpson, sophomore Darion Ervin, and freshmen Razjea Bridges and Tiraj Lucas comprised the 2016 College Union Poetry Slam Invitational team and have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the art of slam poetry; and,

WHEREAS, the Eastern team defeated Macalester College, University of Texas-Austin, University of Central Florida, and Brown University before advancing to the competition's final round; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Eastern Michigan University Poetry Society placed 4th in the nation out of 67 collegiate teams at the national competition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents congratulates the Poetry Society team and their supporters for their outstanding national success and commends them for the honor that they have brought to themselves as well as to Eastern Michigan University.

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