

RESOLUTION

Recognition of James F. Stapleton

WHEREAS, James F. Stapleton was appointed to the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents by Governor Jennifer Granholm in 2007, was reappointed in 2009, and has served with distinction; and,

WHEREAS, during his appointment he served as chair of the Student Affairs Committee, and as a member of the Personnel and Compensation Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Stapleton is the president and CEO of B&R Consultants, and has served on the boards of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Wayne State University Shiffman Medical Library, and the Detroit Commerce Bank; and,

WHEREAS, from 2001 through 2004, Regent Stapleton served as Senior Vice President of Business Affairs of the Detroit Tigers, making him the highest-ranking African-American within the business operations of a Major League Baseball franchise until July 2004, when he left to participate in a group that purchased the Minnesota Vikings; and,

WHEREAS, he has served his community as president of the Think Twice Foundation and chairman of the Detroit Chapter of the Urban League.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents expresses its appreciation to James F. Stapleton for his contributions to the success of the University; and,

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

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