

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Recognition of Dr. Harry Bowen**

WHEREAS, with extraordinary passion and commitment, Dr. Harry Bowen has served as the official narrator and field announcer for the Eastern Michigan University Marching Band for 33 years; and,

WHEREAS, during his long association with the “Pride of the Peninsula,” Dr. Bowen contributed to more than 250 marching band performances, including football games, demonstration performances, concerts, and in more than 400 field rehearsals; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen’s love of the students and staff of the EMU Marching Band has seen him develop lifelong connections with 15 band directors and over 6,000 students, all of whom have heard his quintessential philosophy of marching band: “The 50-yard line is not the place for subtlety”; and,

WHEREAS, he continues to give back to the students in University Bands by funding student scholarships, providing meals for the Marching Band, and offering knowledge, wisdom, and perhaps most importantly, countless historical anecdotes about life; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen was a faculty member in the Department of Communications, Media and Theatre Arts from 1967 to 1995 upon which he earned Emeritus status, and, also served in the U.S. Army.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents hereby congratulates Dr. Harry Bowen for his exemplary service and joins innumerable students and colleagues in thanking him for his humor, kindness, and commitment to our great University.

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