

RESOLUTION

Recognition of State Representative

Ronnie D. Peterson

WHEREAS, State Representative Ronnie Peterson has worked with steadfast dedication as a public servant for more than 40 years with a focus on fostering stability, growth, and opportunities for our community and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, he has facilitated public-private partnerships to fund a wide range of projects for pedestrian, bridge, street, and park improvements, environmental cleanup, and fire protection to ensure the safety of all who live in and travel through our community; and,

WHEREAS, as a champion of economic growth, he was a driving force behind the establishment of the economic engine Spark East, the construction of Ypsilanti's Harriet Commerce Center, the creation of the Washtenaw County Healthcare Complex, the funding to expand the American Center for Mobility at Willow Run, an important facility that builds on our region's automotive excellence and innovation, and he worked for five years to save the Thompson Block Building, now a vibrant residential and retail space in Depot Town; and,

WHEREAS, State Representative Peterson has translated his belief in the power of education into a lifetime of generous support of Eastern Michigan University and all schools in our community, working to provide a foundation to empower every student to learn, flourish and grow.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents expresses its appreciation to State Representative Ronnie Peterson for being "Always on the Job, and Always in the Community" and thanks him for his extraordinary, unshakeable commitment to his community and to the State of Michigan.