

RESOLUTION

Recognition of Regent Dennis Beagen

WHEREAS, Dennis Beagen has served on the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents since January 2015, with an extraordinary commitment of time, excellence, and expertise; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Beagen has honorably served as Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, Chair of the Education Policies Committee, and serves on the Eagle Administrative Services Board and the Finance and Investment Committee; and,

WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree in Speech Communication from Eastern Michigan University, received a master's degree from the University of Michigan, completed all of his doctorate coursework at Wayne State University, and was the recipient of the 2011 Presidential Award for Faculty and Staff Leadership in Advancements, the EMU Alumni Association's Teaching Excellence Award, and the Dr. John Porter Distinguished Service Award; and,

WHEREAS, during his 59 years at Eastern, he served as administrative head of the Department of Communication, Media and Theatre Arts for more than 30 years, and as the Director of the EMU Forensics Program for 11 years, inspiring students to bring home eight national team championships, four top speaker national titles, and 27 individual national championships; and,

WHEREAS, Dennis Beagen, a treasured, respected leader with a steady hand and a joyous smile, has generously supported students, faculty, and staff with fundraising and "friend-raising" leadership efforts which included the \$17 million "Campaign for Scholars," the \$1.5 million "Build Theatre" campaign in collaboration with CMTA colleague Ken Stevens, the \$1 million campaign to support the Undergraduate Symposium, and 30 endowed scholarships for CMTA students and Symposium participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan Board of Regents expresses its deep appreciation to Dennis Beagen and commends him for the honor and distinction he has brought to himself as well as to Eastern Michigan University; and,

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

December 8, 2022