

RESOLUTION

Recognition of the EMU Forensics Team

WHEREAS, 23 members of the Forensics Team qualified 99 speeches/performances at the National Forensics Association National Tournament, with 68 advancing to octofinals, 26 advancing to quarterfinals, 11 to semifinals, two to novice finals, and four to finals; and,

WHEREAS, junior Auryon Azar was named the National Champion in After Dinner Speaking; and,

WHEREAS, since 1972, when Judy Sturgis Hill became Eastern's first national champion, 72 Eastern students have won national championships; and,

WHEREAS, the Forensics Team finished third in the nation out of 60 competing schools, has placed in the top 15 nationally for 50 years, and has won more than 45 Michigan state team championships.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents congratulates the Forensics Team and their coaches – Alex Azzopardi, Aric Bird, Lily Schwab, and Timothy Ward – for continuing the tradition of success and commends them for the honor they have brought to themselves as well as to Eastern Michigan University

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