

RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITUS STATUS
TO RICHARD P. THOMPSON

WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University grants emeritus/emerita status to retiring faculty and administrators who have served the University with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Richard P. Thompson first joined the staff of Saginaw Valley State University in 1970 as an admissions representative. During a thirty-eight year career at SVSU and in a variety of positions, ranging from Registrar to Director of Admissions to Dean of Students to University Ombudsman, Dick Thompson exemplified the best traditions of SVSU and earned the respect and admiration of all whom he served; and

WHEREAS, Dick Thompson has been a lifelong educator. Prior to his employment at SVSU, he taught high school math, business, and history courses. He has remained active in community youth programs and has coached a variety of sports at a local elementary school. He has guided generations of students who have come to see him as a positive influence on their lives and who regard him with the deepest affection; and

WHEREAS, Richard P. Thompson was a longtime advisor to the Student Association, mentoring student leaders and elected student representatives, and chair of the advisory committee to *The Valley Vanguard* and *Cardinal Sins*, student publications which have been important outlets for the expression of ideas and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Dick Thompson has served on the SVSU Foundation Board, the Athletic Council at St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School, the Nouvel Catholic Central Foundation Board, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He has been a friend to colleagues, a counselor to the young, and a leader in the design of a University known for its student-centered learning, strong work ethic, and belief in the value of each student.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University gratefully acknowledge Dick Thompson's exemplary service and dedication to the University and bestow upon him the title of "Dean of Students Emeritus" with all the rights and privileges appertaining to this distinction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be framed and presented to Mr. Richard P. Thompson as a permanent expression of the University's appreciation.

*David R. Gamez, Chair
Saginaw Valley State University
Board of Control*

*Eric R. Gilbertson, President
Saginaw Valley State University*

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