

*RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITA STATUS TO MS. JEAN N. HOUGHTON*

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

*WHEREAS, Jean Houghton began her employment in 1991 as Director of the Melvin J. Zahnow Library, performing admirably in that capacity until her retirement in November 2001; and*

*WHEREAS, Her early commitment to emerging technologies allowed the Library to stay at the forefront of change, to deliver library services and resources to off-campus students, and to promote the role of librarians in teaching information literacy skills to students. Ms. Houghton also promoted the development of technology skills for faculty and staff and served on planning committees related to technology; and*

*WHEREAS, She was instrumental in fostering cooperation among the libraries of this region and throughout the state by her proactive leadership of the Valley Library Consortium and by her founding of the Michigan Academic Library Council; and*

*WHEREAS, Ms. Houghton demonstrated exceptional service to the profession of librarianship as President of the Michigan Library Association and in many other elected positions during her career. Her life-long love of libraries was further demonstrated by the thoroughness with which she planned the expansion and renovation of the Melvin J. Zahnow Library;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University gratefully acknowledge Ms. Jean N. Houghton's exemplary service and dedication to the University and bestow upon her the title of "Library Director Emerita" 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 Ms. Houghton as a permanent expression of the University's appreciation.*

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*Linda L. Sims, Chair  
Saginaw Valley State University  
Board of Control*

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

*Approved August 14, 2003*