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**A RESOLUTION TO:** Honor the Life, Career and Everlasting Legacy of President Thomas J. Haas and his profound impact on the greater Grand Valley Community by awarding him President Emeritus

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**Recognizing,** President Thomas J. Haas has served proudly as President at GVSU for 13 years, one of the longest serving presidents at Grand Valley State University up to date,

**Recognizing,** In his 13 years, President Haas has accomplished many monumental goals that have elevated Grand Valley's status as a renowned public institution not only in Michigan but in the nation and world

**Recognizing,** President Haas has continuously prioritized student experience by being present at and cheering with the crowd at football games, encouraging students at orientation days, supporting students at campus vigils, handing out ice cream on move-in days, cooking pancakes at late night, and much more,

**Recognizing,** President Haas never turns down a selfie, graciously embraced the nickname T. Haas, and emanates GV pride through his optimism and 'can do' attitude,

**Recognizing,** He is the only President in Michigan who invites the student body president to testify in Lansing for increased state funding. He traditionally does this every year of his presidency because he understands the weight of student testimony and fights for increased funding, ensuring that it would go directly towards students,

**Whereas,** President Haas would not be the leader that he is without the warmth and dedication to the community his wife Marcia provides; their great partnership has led by example of what it means to lead with love,

**Recognizing,** under President Haas' administration, Grand Valley surpassed 25,000 students enrolled, cut the ribbons to open more than a half dozen new buildings, while consistently watching the number of Laker alumni increase,

**Recognizing** President Haas and Marcia are the epitome of the stewardship, welcoming students into their home and hearts through annual breakfasts with the Student Senate Cabinet, dinner with RA staff, and holiday parties,

**Recognizing,** The Haas' have created multiple scholarships such as the Tom and Marcia Haas and family Laker Marching Band scholarship, the Grand Finish Grant, the James D. Bachmeier

scholarship, the GRCC Presidents' scholarship, and more to ensure student success and support retention,

**Recognizing,** He has established a Laker Effect across the globe by promoting Grand Valley in places such as Poland, Ghana, China, Japan, Australia, Palau, England, Chile, Brazil, Albania – soon to travel to France and the Netherlands,

**Recognizing,** He leads by example. He has made GVSU his home, and in turn, many Lakers have done the same; and that sense of belonging has created a ripple effect,

**Whereas,** His mindset has always been students first; year after year he has prioritized our learning, our experience, and our impact on the world,

**Recognizing,** his humility, his passion, and his warm welcome and support for every Laker goes beyond one on one interactions and has created a culture on campus that we the student body are incredibly proud to be apart of,

**Let It Be Resolved,** The Grand Valley State University Student Senate, representing all 25,000+ students hereby Honor the Life, Career and Everlasting Legacy of President Thomas J. Haas and his profound impact on the greater Grand Valley Community by awarding him President Emeritus.