



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

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THE THADDEUS L. TORP THEATRE

at

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

October 7, 1999

WHEREAS, Thaddeus L. Torp served with distinction as a member of the full-time faculty at Central Connecticut State University from 1963 until 1992 rising from the rank of instructor to full-professor, and he continued to teach part-time until his death in 1997, and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, he was a translator of the great Scandinavian playwrights Henrik Ibsen and August Strindberg and the author of many *commedia dell'arte* type musicals that were introduced at CCSU, and

WHEREAS, The *College Theatre* was the classroom for Professor Torp where he introduced the love of theatre to thousands of students during his teaching career, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System expresses its profound recognition for Professor Thaddeus L. Torp's years of distinguished service to the students of Central Connecticut State University and the people of Connecticut, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby names the *College Theatre* in Davidson Hall on the Central Connecticut State University campus where he taught with inspiration and vigor, the **Thaddeus L. Torp Theatre**.

A Certified True Copy:

Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

Naming the theatre in Davidson Hall at Central Connecticut State University in honor of Thaddeus L. Torp.

BACKGROUND

The general policy of the Board is that buildings or other physical facilities may be named in memory of those who have made significant contributions to the society or the university, or to honor people upon retirement or after retirement from active state, civic or public service.

ANALYSIS

The President of Central Connecticut State University has submitted his recommendation for the naming of the theatre in Davidson Hall in honor of Thaddeus L. Torp. Professor Torp served with distinction as a member of the full-time faculty at CCSU from 1963 to 1992 rising from the rank of instructor to full professor and continued to teach until his death in 1997. He taught many classes and produced numerous plays in the facility proposed to bear his name. It is anticipated that the naming and reopening of the facility will be included as a part of CCSU's 150th anniversary celebration thereby marking a significant historical milestone.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation to name the theatre in Davidson Hall at Central Connecticut State University, the **Thaddeus L. Torp Theatre**.

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Office of the President
New Britain, Connecticut 06050

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor, Connecticut State University System

FROM: Richard L. Judd
President

DATE: August 18, 1999

SUBJECT: Naming of Facility



The long-awaited renovation and refurbishment of the theatre facility in Davidson Hall of Central Connecticut State University is nearing completion and the CCSU community is looking forward with great anticipation to its reopening. Particularly as we are in the early stages of our celebratory activities for our 150th anniversary, reopening this facility marks an additional milestone in our history.

The late Professor Thaddeus L. Torp taught his Theatre classes and produced numerous plays in this facility for over 30 years and cared for it as if it were the living room of his home, his home being Central Connecticut State University. In fact, Professor Torp left room in his last will and testament for CCSU.

In consultation with faculty and staff, I have determined that it is a fitting tribute to at long last give the Davidson Hall theatre a name after all these years -- the **Thaddeus L. Torp Theatre**. While I believe the naming of a room does not require Board approval, I enclose a draft Resolution that I ask that you present to the Chairman for signature. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call on me. ←

Thank you very much.

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