

**The Board of Visitors
of
Christopher Newport University
April 29, 2002**

Resolution

Whereas, James Matthew Morris., Professor of History, has rendered to Christopher Newport University principled academic service of the highest quality and of uncompromising standards for thirty-one years, from 1971 through his retirement at the close of the 2001-2002 academic year; and

Whereas, In this time, Professor Morris has contributed significantly to the well-being of his students as a rigorous, insightful, challenging, and caring teacher and mentor; to the well-being of his University as a wise, thoughtful, and eloquent citizen of the academic community, and, in particular, as the sustaining spirit of the Dean William Parks Memorial Colloquia Series for many years; to the well-being of his discipline through his highly-respected and widely-cited works on American military and naval history; and to the well-being of the citizens of the Hampton Roads region through his noteworthy public service, including service as moderator and host of several highly-acclaimed radio series and service as a reviewer of books for the Daily Press; and

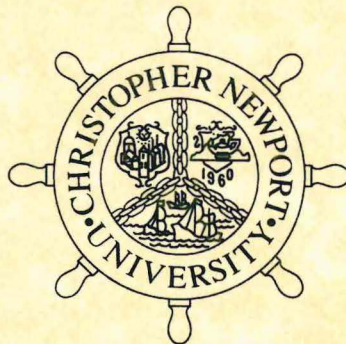
Whereas, Professor Morris is recognized by his colleagues as representing the finest characteristics of the academic profession; and

Whereas, In light of such service and accomplishments, his decision to retire from the Faculty of Christopher Newport University has caused the Department of History, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Faculty Senate, and the Provost of the University to recommend that his long professional association with Christopher Newport University be continued beyond the date of his retirement; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University hereby confers the title of Professor Emeritus upon

James Matthew Morris, A.B., M.A., Ph.D.

with all the rights, honors, and privileges attendant to such status.



Robert L. Freeman, Rector

Paul S. Tribble, Jr., President