

Resolution 3-10
Hazard Community & Technical College
Honorary Degree Request

Background:

May 2003, the Board of Regents approved Policy 4.17 – *Policy on Honorary Degrees*, which “authorizes the individual colleges to award honorary associate degrees in humane letters (honoris causa) to individuals who have contributed significantly to the awarding college or KCTCS.”

This resolution is to recommend **Mr. Bobby Osborne** of Hyden, Kentucky, as a possible recipient of such an honorary degree from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. While Mr. Osborne’s career highlights and professional accomplishments are numerous (see attached summary), our recommendation for this award is based primarily on his tremendous record of service to HCTC, his students, his colleagues, and our community.

This service has been characterized by excellent teaching, outstanding student mentoring, selflessness, sacrifice, generosity, and dedication, including the following contributions:

- Early and continuing support as “celebrity spokesman” for KSBTM via numerous performances and venues at no cost to KCTCS and/or HCTC.
- Service as a star adjunct faculty member at KSBTM since the program opened (with acceptance of only minimal remuneration to partially cover travel and related expenses).
- Dedicated professional mentoring and exposure of our KSBTM students in the field on an on-going basis (before, during, and after their graduation from the program).

Action:

The Board of Directors hereby approves the request for **Mr. Bobby Osborne** as a possible recipient of such an honorary degree from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. The Board directs the President/CEO of the college to submit this action to the President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

 X Approved

 Not Approved

Greg Wells
Chair of the Board

3-4-10
Date