Dr. Ellen M. Beck commenced her affiliation with Sinclair Community College in 1969, as an instructor in the Psychology Department, after a successful teaching experience at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. During her twenty-two year tenure and until her retirement in 1991, Dr. Beck played an inspirational role in the campus life and continuing development of the college. As the result of her many contributions and excellence in the classroom, she received academic tenure in 1972 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1977. She served as Chair of the Psychology Department from 1978-1985. Her high level performance in this position was verbalized recently by one of the Psychology Department faculty who stated... I still remember the renewed vitality which developed in our department when Dr. Beck began her duties as Chairperson -- she oversaw and managed record enrollments in the Psychology Department. Again, in the words of her faculty, she was a most effective and loved professor. As a faculty member she developed numerous timely and innovative courses which continue to be highly viable departmental offerings. She was also considered a pioneer in the early and mid-1980s as she assisted in the early development of the then fledgling TV Sinclair Program.

Having received a Ph.D. degree in Educational Policy and Leadership in 1986 from Ohio State University, Dr. Beck continued to serve the college in an inspired and energetic manner in a variety of important roles. In addition to serving several terms as faculty senator, she was also coordinator of the Sinclair Ohio Fellows organization for six years; she was Acting Director of Counseling and Student Development on two separate occasions; she was Acting Vice President for Student Services and also did an outstanding job of coordinating the year-long Sinclair Centennial Celebration in 1987.

As she served Sinclair so effectively on campus, Dr. Beck was also an active contributor to the community. She is well known for her work as a United Way volunteer, as a volunteer for the Miami Literacy Council, and as a founding member of the Board of the South Community Mental Health Center.

As the result of her esteemed service and her many contributions to the quality, the development and the excellence of Sinclair Community College, Dr. Ellen Beck richly warrants recognition and high praise. It further establishes her firmly as most worthy to
receive Professor Emeritus honors.