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WHEREAS the awarding of degrees at LSU should remain the prerogative of the qualified faculty, and

WHEREAS the degree of Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters is a prestigious award that reflects upon the standards of scholarship and service that LSU wishes to promote, and

WHEREAS the administration of former President Ronald Reagan aggressively sought to reduce funding for education and to restrict the free exchange of ideas and pursuit of excellence in the Sciences and Humanities by reason of a partisan program that ran counter to wishes of a great number of scholars,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty of LSU records its dissatisfaction with the lack of consultation which led to the Board of Supervisors' decision to award Ronald Reagan an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, and wishes to dissociate itself from the event of investiture of that award.

ADOPTED: September 12, 1990