RESOLUTION FOR

Archie W. Sprengel

WHEREAS, Archie W. Sprengel is retiring after dedicating over thirty-five years of service to Southeast Missouri State University; and

WHEREAS, his entire working career has been in a university setting, beginning over forty years ago as a student worker in the Computer Services Department at Southeast; then as a graduate assistant in Purdue University’s Computer Center and finally full time employment at Southeast from 1979 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, he oversaw the implementation of the first personal computers on campus that ran off of floppy drives to the current generation of PCs that have more hard drive storage and processing power than the old mainframe system; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the changeover from the mainframe system, which had independent programs for everything from student records to finance, to the current Integrated Banner administrative system; and

WHEREAS, he led the University through operating system upgrades from the early days of DOS and Windows 3.1 to Windows 98, Windows XP, and now Windows 7; and

WHEREAS, he was responsible for designing the first campus-wide local area network at Southeast, design and installation of the University’s wireless network, and has written and overseen the development of a number of Internet-based applications on campus; and

WHEREAS, he was involved in planning of the technology infrastructure for major capital projects including the construction of Merick Hall, LaFerla Hall and the Dobbins River Campus Center, and the renovations of Memorial Hall, Magill Hall and Academic Hall; and

WHEREAS, he has provided leadership and collaboration across the University to implement new technologies, including the Mobile app, the College of Education’s Edvolution program, the University’s first one-to-one technology initiative, and the use of iPad technology by the Board of Regents for Board materials; and

WHEREAS, he has been recognized for his knowledge, expertise and leadership at the state level, having represented Southeast in the early 1990’s as a co-principal investigator on the National Science Foundation grant that launched the Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet) and he has continued to serve on the MOREnet executive committee; and

WHEREAS, he has maintained expertise and provided guidance to campus leaders throughout a career that has witnessed technology change from punch cards to terminals to personal computers to mobile devices to the cloud; and

WHEREAS, he has always been known for his keen fiscal management, his dedication to the University, his calm and wise voice of reason; and above all, his humility; and

WHEREAS, his career with the University deserving culmination with his recognition as the University’s Employee of the Year for 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations to Archie W. Sprengel for his outstanding service to Southeast Missouri State University by conferring upon him the status of Assistant Vice President Emeritus for Information Technology on behalf of the University and its students, faculty, staff, and administration on this first day of May, Two Thousand Fifteen.

Jay B. Knudson

President, Board of Regents
Southeast Missouri State University