RESOLUTION FOR

Donna Tucker

WHEREAS, Donna Tucker dedicated over fourteen years of service to Southeast Missouri State University. She began employment in 2000 as the Transfer Admission Counselor and in 2002 was promoted to Assistant Director of Admissions for Transfer Recruitment; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, transfer enrollments grew from less than 700 students in academic year 2000 to over 1000 students in academic year 2014; and

WHEREAS, in her position, she fostered relationships with community college personnel within the University’s multi-state region and collaborated with staff in the Office of the Registrar to maintain up-to-date transfer course equivalency information; and

WHEREAS, she assisted in the creation of transfer guides and articulation for specific academic programs to show students how seamlessly they could transfer to Southeast; and

WHEREAS, she distinguished herself by working with empathy, being the voice of reason, and staying dedicated to students; and

WHEREAS, she treasured the saying: “The student is...
...the most important person on campus. Without students there would be no need for the institution.
...not a cold enrollment statistic but a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.
...not someone to be tolerated so that we can do our thing. They are our thing.
...not dependent on us. Rather, we are dependent on them.
...not an interruption of our work, but the purpose of it. We are not doing them a favor by serving them. They are doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so;” and

WHEREAS, her creation of poetry with clever rhymes brought out the humor in situations and kept her coworkers and students laughing and uplifted; and

WHEREAS, she served as a wonderful mentor to many admissions team members and student workers; and

WHEREAS, her classic statement “Love ya, Kid!” would bring a smile to your face; and

WHEREAS, we will always follow Donna’s lead and “Keep our Eye on the Prize;”

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations on behalf of the University and its students, faculty, staff, and administration on this first day of May, Two Thousand Fifteen.

Jay B. Knudtson

President, Board of Regents
Southeast Missouri State University