RESOLUTION FOR

Dr. Marc R. Strauss

WHEREAS, Dr. Marc R. Strauss dedicated nineteen years of service to Southeast Missouri State University, the Department of Health, Human Performance, & Recreation and the Department of Theatre & Dance; and

WHEREAS, he was an outstanding Professor of Dance, Dance History, History of the Musical, the Creative Process, and Aesthetics, always striving for teaching excellence in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, he played an integral role in the formation of the new Department of Theatre & Dance; and

WHEREAS, he spearheaded much of the curriculum in the new BFA and BA in Dance degrees; and

WHEREAS, he created many of the classes now taught in the area of dance; and

WHEREAS, he served on countless department, college, and university committees; and

WHEREAS, he created the dance residency program, beginning with the Miami City Ballet; and

WHEREAS, he co-ordinated two American College Dance Festival Association Central Region Conferences; and

WHEREAS, he choreographed and directed numerous dances as part of the department's annual concerts; and

WHEREAS, he forged strong relationships with the Departments of Art and Music, by embracing these disciplines and the concept of creative collaboration in his own work; and

WHEREAS, he published numerous books and is arguably a true fanatic of the Master of Suspense, Alfred Hitchcock; and

WHEREAS, he published The Dance Criticism of Arlene Croce: Articulating a Vision of Artistry, 1973-1987, Looking at Contemporary Dance: A Guide for the Internet Age, and two editions of The Dance Experience: Insights into History, Culture and Creativity; and

WHEREAS, he was never seen without an iced coffee at work or a cosmopolitan or cigar outside the office; and

WHEREAS, he was a staunch and outspoken liberal and fan of Bill Maher and Jon Stewart, as well as Neil deGrasse Tyson, Bill Nye, and the Cosmos; and

WHEREAS, he loved Cape Cod so much, he moved there;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations to Dr. Marc Strauss for his outstanding service to Southeast Missouri State University by conferring upon him the status of Professor Emeritus of Theatre and Dance 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