RESOLUTION FOR

Dr. Ruth Ann Roberts

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Ann Roberts is retiring after serving the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling at Southeast Missouri State University for over fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, she served as an adjunct faculty member and coordinator of the Missouri University Cooperative Ed.D. program for six years, she chaired many doctoral dissertation committees, and students, as well as peers recognize her as a highly effective teacher and educator; and

WHEREAS, she was a trailblazer in the department by being the first to adopt new teaching methods involving technology, including online, blended, and webinar delivery formats; and

WHEREAS, she served as Interim Chair and was a great transitional leader for the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling as the department searched for a new leader, her work as interim chair came at an important and decisive time; and

WHEREAS, she served local school districts as a resource and consultant for curriculum development and MSIP compliance; and

WHEREAS, she served as a resource for the professional associations of elementary and secondary principals as well as the superintendents association; and

WHEREAS, she has served the college and university in various capacities, to include chairing college search committees, serving on graduate and college councils, as well as working collaboratively with department faculty to develop department reviews for accreditation; and

WHEREAS, she was awarded the Meritorious Wall of Fame status by Sikeston Public Schools for outstanding service to the school district; and was also awarded Meritorious Service to Education by the Missouri State Teachers Association during her time in public school service; and

WHEREAS, she now will be able to spend well deserved amounts of time with friends and family to work on projects of her choosing;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations to Dr. Ruth Ann Roberts for her outstanding service to Southeast Missouri State University by conferring upon her the status of Professor Emerita of Educational Leadership 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