RESOLUTION FOR

Stephen R. Overmann

WHEREAS, Steve Overmann is retiring after having served the Department of Biology and Southeast Missouri State University since fall 1984; and

WHEREAS, he has provided consistent quality instruction in the areas of toxicology, environmental science, and other areas of biology; and

WHEREAS, he has maintained the highest of expectations for students in his classes; and

WHEREAS, he has supervised many Masters of Natural Science candidates; and

WHEREAS, he was the principal driving force in the development of the Environmental Science Program, and has led it as its director since its inception; and

WHEREAS, he has been the most visible face of the Environmental Science Program, attending virtually every Show-Me Day and First Step since the program’s inception; and

WHEREAS, he was a primary voice in prodding the University to develop a recycling program, and he has long promoted local community recycling programs in southeast Missouri; and

WHEREAS, he has vigorously promoted sustainability as an important fundamental principle that should govern the operation of the University; and

WHEREAS, his interest in the health of the earth was in common with Laurie Wern (Overmann), and together they have raised three young men who, no doubt, have the same love of the earth; and

WHEREAS, he will be greatly missed as a cherished colleague and friend;

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