RESOLUTION FOR

Dr. Christina L. Frazier

WHEREAS, Dr. Christina Frazier is retiring after having served the Department of Biology and Southeast Missouri State University since fall 1979; and

WHEREAS, she, in her own words, “hired all of us” in Biology; and

WHEREAS, she is a person of exceptional expertise in the fields of epidemiology, virology, microbiology and immunology and she shared her knowledge, equipment, and experience with new faculty for decades, and therefore has been a mentor that is deeply revered by the faculty of the Biology Department; and

WHEREAS, she developed new courses in Epidemiology, Issues in AIDS and Emerging Diseases, The Female Experience, Transforming the Female Experience, Pathogenic Microbiology, Immunology, Virology and Microorganisms and Their Human Hosts; and

WHEREAS, she was involved in the Athletics Department at Southeast and developed equity and diversity plans and Title IX implementation; and

WHEREAS, she has received grants in excess of $770,000 and helped raise funds, and participated in the design and planning for the construction and renovation of the excellent Microbiology teaching facilities available; and

WHEREAS, she was a major contributor to the rewrite of the systems portfolio and preparation for the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) Quality Checkup Visit in 2012, and is leading the rewrite of our next portfolio due in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, she chaired the original Research Involving Human Subjects Committee in 1980, including writing the policy and serving as the chair of that committee since - reviewing hundreds of proposals; and

WHEREAS, she served as Director of Assessment and Associate to the Provost for many years, providing statistical analysis for, and advice to, several provosts and still maintains (we think) her sanity; and

WHEREAS, she received the University Faculty Merit Award in 1993; the Governor’s Award for Meritorious Teaching in 1994; and the College of Science and Mathematics Research Award in 2004 and Service Award in 1988 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, she had her first research lab in the former women’s restroom in the basement of Magill Hall; and

WHEREAS, she has numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals or book chapters; presentations and national and international professional meetings; and has given over two hundred presentations to schools and community organizations regarding AIDS and AIDS phobia prevention education; and

WHEREAS, she has killed thousands of mosquitoes from locations state-wide to test for West Nile Virus, Equine Encephalitis and other nasty diseases—or just to keep the little bugger from sucking more blood from the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations to Dr. Christina Frazier for her outstanding service to Southeast Missouri State University by conferring upon her the status of Professor Emerita of Biology on behalf of the University and its students, faculty, staff, and administration on this second day of May, Two Thousand Fourteen.

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