RESOLUTION FOR

Dr. David Ritter

WHEREAS, Dr. David Ritter has dedicated over twenty-two years in service to Southeast Missouri State University, the Department of Chemistry, his colleagues, and his students; and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself as a Professor of Chemistry with teaching excellence, having won the College of Science, Technology, and Agriculture Teaching Award in back-to-back years; and

WHEREAS, he holds the distinction of being the first ever winner of the Southeast Missouri State University PRIDE Award for excellence in teaching, an extraordinary level of scholarship and service, and overall accomplishments that are especially noteworthy; and

WHEREAS, he was a perennial favorite among his students while still maintaining a high level of academic rigor in his classes; and

WHEREAS, he was a tireless champion for the welfare and safety of students and faculty alike in the department and the college; and

WHEREAS, he fought for the integrity and rigor of all academic chemistry programs; and

WHEREAS, he was a steadfast voice of reason and common sense in and out of departmental meetings; and

WHEREAS, he believed in doing the right thing regardless of its ease or popularity; and

WHEREAS, he has been an example of a caring teacher, a consummate scientist, a competent colleague, and a loyal mentor and friend whose influence will be missed;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations to Dr. David Ritter for his outstanding service to Southeast Missouri State University by conferring upon him the status of Professor Emeritus of Chemistry on behalf of the University and its students, faculty, staff, and administration on this on this twelfth day of April, Two Thousand Thirteen.

Doyle Privett

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President, Board of Regents
Southeast Missouri State University