RESOLUTION FOR

Ms. Karen Kight

WHEREAS, Karen Kight has dedicated over ten years of faithful service to Southeast Missouri State University; and

WHEREAS, during those years, she has been an outstanding classroom teacher delivering courses to approximately 3,000 students—including graduate students; and

WHEREAS, for well over a decade she managed Missouri’s 4th district tournament in speech, debate, and theatre for the Missouri State High School Activities Association, each year bringing hundreds of high school students from twenty-two high schools to our campus to participate in the state-qualifying event; and

WHEREAS, she was honored with various teaching and service awards, such as the 2009 College of Liberal Arts Service Award and the Success-In-Scholarship/Sports/Service Award in 2011 for the College of Liberal Arts; and

WHEREAS, many of her students went on to top careers in a variety of professions, crediting her (in cards, letters, and personal visits) with their ability to communicate well and excel on the job; and

WHEREAS, she was the chief architect of our Information Literacy Unit in SC105: Fundamentals of Oral Communication, collaborating with Claudia Ruediger and other library faculty; and

WHEREAS, she has presented numerous papers at professional meetings such as the Basic Course Director’s Conference and the Speech & Theatre Association of Missouri’s annual convention; and

WHEREAS, she has served her department as a member, and often chair, of various committees and has also served as its faculty representative to College Council; and

WHEREAS, she has long served as her department’s library liaison; and

WHEREAS, she has served as advisor to the Alpha Phi Omega service, leadership and friendship fraternity; and

WHEREAS, she has often delighted—and enlightened—her colleagues with her wit, anecdotes, and stories; and

WHEREAS, she has—in these and other ways—served her students, her colleagues, her University, and her community well;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations on behalf of the University and its students, faculty, staff, and administration on this twelfth day of April, Two Thousand Thirteen.

Doyle Privett
President, Board of Regents
Southeast Missouri State University