



A Resolution
by the Board of Regents
of
Southeast Missouri State University

Whereas, July 1, 2009, marks the tenth anniversary of the beginning of the presidency of Kenneth W. Dobbins at Southeast Missouri State University; and

Whereas, during those ten years, Southeast Missouri State University has developed, provided physical facilities, and staffed a system of four regional campuses unprecedented in Missouri higher education; and

Whereas, the University's enrollment has increased to a record number in each of the last eight years, growing 27 percent since President Dobbins assumed office, and achieving that growth while also improving the academic profile of the student body; and

Whereas, the design, funding, and construction of the magnificent River Campus, along with the creation of the Earl and Margie Holland School of Visual and Performing Arts, were accomplished under his leadership despite significant challenges, providing the University and the Southeast Missouri Region with cultural opportunities never before possible; and

Whereas, he has been instrumental in bringing the University's resources to bear on economic development of the region through the establishment of the Missouri Research Corporation, the Innovation Center and Business Incubator, and the initial steps toward creation of the University Technology Village on Interstate-55; and

Whereas, many other physical facilities have been constructed, enhanced, or acquired during his tenure, including (in approximate chronological order): the Student Recreation Center addition; Houck Stadium and Houck Field House improvements; the Facilities Management Service Center; new intramural and softball fields and tennis courts; Group Housing and Towers renovations; an emergency warning system; the Otto and Della Seabaugh Polytechnic Building; the Sikeston, Kennett, and Perryville classroom and administrative buildings; new parking facilities and a campus transit system; Vandiver Hall; the University Center's Skylight Terrace, Café Court, Beanery, and Student Involvement Center; the Charles Hutson Greenhouse; the Regional Crime Laboratory; the new Wehking Alumni Center; the South Campus Student Recreation Center; the Student Aquatic Center; Henderson House; the Kent Library Information Commons; science laboratory renovations; the David M. Barton Agriculture Research Center; a second new residence hall, as yet unnamed; and many others; and

Whereas, he has guided the University through many difficult decisions, including maintaining and enhancing the quality of academic programs while coping with unprecedented reductions in appropriations and increases in tuition, the transition to the Redhawks designation for intercollegiate athletics, the selection and implementation of a new integrated database and administrative system, responses to the challenges of developing information age technology on the campus, and many others; and

Whereas, he has personally and with the assistance of his development staff and volunteers raised millions of dollars in private gifts to provide a margin of excellence for the University;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Regents of Southeast Missouri State University that on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as President, the appreciation of the University community is hereby expressed to Kenneth W. Dobbins for the dedicated leadership which has resulted in these extraordinary accomplishments and many others too numerous to mention, accompanied by best wishes for his continued success; and that this resolution be placed in the minutes of the Board of Regents;

Done in the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, this 19th day of June in the year two thousand nine.



President of the Board of Regents

ATTEST:

Secretary