

RESOLUTION FOR

Dr. Carol Scates

WHEREAS, Dr. Carol Scates, through her devotion to her students, inspired generations to read, write, think critically, and embrace literature in all of its manifestations; and

WHEREAS, she has managed difficult and complex tasks with energy and a positive spirit; and

WHEREAS, she led her department through the ever-changing world of writing, defending composition against those who dismissed spelling, syntax, rhetoric, grammar and even paragraphs as relics of the past; and

WHEREAS, she led many searches, navigating the complex worlds of committees, Human Resources policies, disciplinary boundaries, and the Modern Language Association to find the best candidates for her department; and

WHEREAS, as new department chair, Carol made faculty feel welcomed and was always willing to answer questions and offer her outlook freely on any topic; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scates has consistently served as a mentor to new faculty, bringing real-world experience and practical, protective, and honest reflection of the expectations and realities of higher education; successfully surmounting the obstacles between real teaching and research, and random policy directed toward the idea of teaching and research; and

WHEREAS, she created, developed, and taught EN486/EN686 Sociolinguistics, both as a face-to-face and an online course, which has become one of the department's most popular courses; and

WHEREAS, she supported the creation and growth of the Faulkner Center, the University Press, the Writing Center and other institutions on campus that celebrated, preserved, and engaged in the written word; and

WHEREAS, she supported the creation of the new Masters in English, with the Professional Writing and English Studies options, the installation of "smart" classrooms in Grauel, and the installation of a state-of-the-art Mac Lab to enhance the Master in Professional Writing and the Small-Press Publishing minor; and

WHEREAS, she has steadfastly advocated for the Department of English' resources, such as the Center for Faulkner Studies; the Teaching Assistantship program; the management of the composition courses and University Studies courses; the tenure, promotion, and merit-pay processes for all faculty; *Journey* literary magazine; the new *Literati* literary journal; *Helix*; the department's internships and scholarships; the Writing Lab; Sigma Tau Delta; and the Writing Achievement Awards; and

WHEREAS, she has willingly shared her wisdom and graciously supported her fellow chairpersons; and

WHEREAS, she has been an exceptional teacher, mentor, and advisor to students, and encouraged their growth as life-long learners both in the classroom and in their pursuit of careers and advanced learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations to Dr. Carol Scates for her outstanding service to Southeast Missouri State University by conferring upon her the status of Chairperson and Professor Emerita of English 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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