

RESOLUTION FOR

Dr. Bjorn Olesen

WHEREAS, Dr. Bjorn Olesen is retiring after having served the Department of Chemistry and Southeast Missouri State University with distinction for thirty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself as a Professor of Chemistry, always striving for teaching excellence in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, he has exemplified the teacher-scholar model; and

WHEREAS, he has served the department, college, and University with distinction on multiple committees; and

WHEREAS, he has served as the coordinator of the medical technology program; and

WHEREAS, he has served as an advisor extraordinaire for an untold number of chemistry and medical technology majors, providing guidance and wisdom to them as they pursued their career goals; and

WHEREAS, he has mentored many students in the classroom and research lab; and

WHEREAS, he coauthored the successful NSF IRES "US-India Summer Program for Research in Green Chemistry" grant proposal that has provided the opportunity for some of our chemistry students to go abroad and experience a culture much different from our own while also gaining valuable research experience; and

WHEREAS, he served as a sounding board for ideas or as a source of advice whenever his chairperson sought him out; and

WHEREAS, he always served as a voice of reason and calm within the department; and

WHEREAS, he has been a trusted friend and will be deeply missed by his colleagues and students;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations to Dr. Bjorn Olesen 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.



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