

## RESOLUTION FOR

*Dr. Richard A. Burns*

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard A. Burns has dedicated over twenty-one years of outstanding service to Southeast Missouri State University; and

WHEREAS, during that time, he has introduced many cohorts of students to the scientific nature of psychology, the intricacies of statistics and research methods, and comparative cognition; and

WHEREAS, he has made significant contributions to the field of psychology through his work on serial learning and numerosity in animals; and

WHEREAS, he served as a professional role model and mentor for numerous students whom he involved in research activities and professional presentations, enhancing their learning and facilitating their future careers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burns served the Department of Psychology as an outstanding chairperson and leader for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, he has made significant contributions to professional organizations, most notably the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, from which he received the Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award, and for which he served as President, Governing Council Member and in other various capacities; and

WHEREAS, he has mentored faculty and has been a trusted and valued colleague; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in establishing the first Student Research Conference and ensures its continued existence; and

WHEREAS, he has a unique sense of humor and has the ability to enthrall students and colleagues with a multitude of stories over a lifetime of teaching; and

WHEREAS, one of his guiding beliefs in life is to always do the right thing;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations to Dr. Richard A. Burns for his outstanding service to Southeast Missouri State University by conferring upon him the status of Professor Emeritus of Psychology 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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President, Board of Regents  
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