

***Resolution Conferring Honorary Doctorate upon  
Roseann Knauer Bentley***

**WHEREAS**, Roseann Bentley has distinguished herself by her extraordinary contributions to the areas of education and public affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, she has been an agent for change in our region and state as the first woman to be elected to the Missouri Senate from southwest Missouri, serving two terms, followed by two terms as Greene County Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, she chaired the Children’s Services Commission while serving as a state Senator and sponsored a bill that allocated \$30 million for early childhood education; and

**WHEREAS**, she has been a tireless champion for education, chairing the Springfield R-12 School Board and serving on both the Missouri Board of Education and the National Association of State Boards of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a founding member of several organizations and programs that have improved the quality of life in the Ozarks: Female Leaders in Philanthropy, “Day of Caring,” Junior League of Springfield, Parents As Teachers, and Ozarks Public Television; and

**WHEREAS**, she continues to mentor other women through United Way of the Ozarks, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, and Junior League of Springfield; and

**WHEREAS**, she is the consummate public servant and humanitarian;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University, meeting on this ninth day of November in the year two thousand seventeen, recommend to the Board of Governors of Missouri State University that the degree of Doctor of Public Affairs (A.P.D.) be conferred upon Roseann Knauer Bentley at the Commencement Ceremony in May two thousand eighteen in recognition of her extraordinary achievements in the areas of education and public affairs.

***Resolution Conferring Honorary Doctorate upon  
Stephen Kleinsmith***

**WHEREAS**, Stephen Kleinsmith has distinguished himself by his extraordinary contributions to the areas of education and public affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, he has provided visionary leadership as superintendent of Nixa Public Schools for 17 years, addressing early childhood special education services through integrated style classrooms designed to develop role model students; and

**WHEREAS**, he has demanded excellence of himself, his colleagues, and his school, resulting in the state's top accreditation standard for 12 consecutive years, eight Missouri School Boards' Association's Education Leadership Team Program of Excellence Awards, and Missouri Superintendent of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been an advocate for public education in the state of Missouri by writing timely editorials in local newspapers on topics including education vouchers, tax-credits, college readiness, federal standards, and parental involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, he has supported initiatives designed to further knowledge, skills, and dispositions associated with educators through MSU's Teaching Academy for Pre-Service Teachers and MSU's Internship Academy for Future Teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, he has exhibited longevity in leadership, serving as Chair of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Ozarks Educational Research Institute, Nixa Community Foundation, Principals/Site Administrators National Committee, and Legislative Co-chair for the Association of School Administrators; and

**WHEREAS**, his leadership for teachers and students has never wavered;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University, meeting on this ninth day of November in the year two thousand seventeen, recommend to the Board of Governors of Missouri State University that the degree of Doctor of Public Affairs (A.P.D.) be conferred upon Stephen Kleinsmith at the Commencement Ceremony in May two thousand eighteen in recognition of his extraordinary achievements in the areas of education and public affairs.