Resolution

WHEREAS, DR. MARY KATHERINE WAINWRIGHT, known fondly as MK to her closest friends and colleagues, began her career in 1982 as an English Instructor at the campus in Bradenton; and

WHEREAS, MARY KATHERINE earned her Ph.D. from Purdue University in American Studies while teaching a full load of classes and raising four children as a single parent; and

WHEREAS, MARY KATHERINE rose in rank to the position of full professor at Manatee Community College in 1991 and served in the 1990s as English Department Chair at the Venice campus; and

WHEREAS, MARY KATHERINE has taught a wide range of Language and Literature curriculum from college preparatory writing through sophomore literature courses at both Bradenton and Venice campuses; and

WHEREAS, MARY KATHERINE even in the last year of her career at Manatee Community College took on new courses including English for Academic Purposes and Introduction to Poetry; and

WHEREAS, MARY KATHERINE has been actively involved in a wide range of professional development activities including National Endowment for the Humanities scholarships and seminars and participated as an inaugural team member of the 21st Century Skills program funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, MARY KATHERINE was awarded the prestigious McKnight Junior Faculty Fellowship in the pursuit of her dissertation on Black American women novelists; and

WHEREAS, MARY KATHERINE was selected for inclusion in the 2000 edition of Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers based on a former student’s nomination who recommended her because she made a difference in the student’s life; and

WHEREAS, MARY KATHERINE throughout her long career has served on numerous and varied College committees and served as faculty advisor for student activities and organizations; and

WHEREAS, MARY KATHERINE has served with diligence and dedication and has demonstrated a passion for education, literature and travel, we wish her happiness in her retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Manatee Community College District Board of Trustees and the entire College community hereby recognize and appreciate the outstanding contributions of DR. MARY KATHERINE WAINWRIGHT to the College and the greater community and extend to her our best wishes for enjoyment throughout the years ahead.

Said Resolution being adopted and approved by the District Board of Trustees, Manatee Community College, this 25th day of March, 2009.

Steve Harner, Chairman
District Board of Trustees
Manatee Community College

Lars A. Hafner, Ph.D.
President
Manatee Community College