

**Ronald D. Oesch**

1     **WHEREAS**, Ronald D. Oesch is the epitome of a private citizen engaged in Conservation;  
2     **AND WHEREAS**, Mr. Oesch has made invaluable contributions to our knowledge of the distributions  
3     of invertebrate animals in Missouri, through his field research beginning in 1967 to the present,  
4     comprising thousands of miles traveled, many hundreds of sites and thousands of specimens recovered  
5     and curated, as well as extensive museum research, and careful scholarship spanning more than 40  
6     years;

7     **AND WHEREAS**, Mr. Oesch carried out these studies in the best tradition of science and publication,  
8     authoring field guides published by the Missouri Department of Conservation for Missouri Mussels,  
9     Missouri Aquatic Snails, and Missouri Land Snails, and has made further contributions through  
10    extensive field collections to knowledge of Missouri crayfishes and the insect order Collembola;

11    **AND WHEREAS**, Mr. Oesch has contributed thousands of hours over more than a decade in prairie  
12    restoration efforts around the Ozark Underground Laboratory, vital for restoration of the Tumbling  
13    Creek Cave watershed and the survival of endangered species, as well as prairie restoration on other  
14    private lands in cooperation with the Missouri Prairie Foundation;

15    **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at  
16    the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012, commends Ronald D.  
17    Oesch for his lifelong contributions to wildlife conservation, and encourages recognition of his  
18    accomplishments by all parties concerned with wildlife conservation in Missouri.