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The American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture, AFGLC, is happy to announce the official opening of the AFGLC-MISSOURI CENTER. THE AFGLC-MISSOURI CENTER will be headed by the distinguished business leader and philanthropist, Mr. Nicholas Karakas as Director and President. He is the executive officer of the Karakas Family Foundation, an organization which has made significant financial contributions to various universities in the state of Missouri, including over 350 grants for college students' financial assistance. He is a leader in the Greek American community in the state of Missouri and his personal philanthropic contributions are global. Ms. Angeline Antonopoulos, Deputy Director/Vice President, is the Managing Director of the Office of Marketing and Information at the University of Missouri in St. Louis. She has contributed significantly to various Greek American organizations throughout the state of Missouri. Dr. Anthony C. Georges is the treasurer of the AFGLC CENTER IN MISSOURI. He is the director of student financial aid at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, the largest university in the state of Missouri, he is the leader of several education-oriented financial organization, and he has more than twenty years of experience in the financial industry. Ms. Barbara Barfield has been elected the secretary of the Center. She has several years of experience in the banking industry in the state of Missouri, special educational studies in theology, and has made significant contribution to religious education and programming in the Greek American community in St. Louis. Dr. Nicholas Matsakis was elected Senior Advisor to the AFGLC-MISSOURI CENTER. He is a distinguished philanthropist

and leader of several Greek American organizations including THE HELLENIC SPIRIT FOUNDATION, THE HELLENIC AMERICAN INSTITUTE, THE KARAKAS FAMILY FOUNDATION ALLIANCE, etc. Finally, Dr. Tinna King, a physician in St. Louis with a distinguished record in the medical profession, is a participant in several educational activities and has been named the senior advisor to the AFGLC MISSOURI CENTER.

Professor Chris P. Tsokos, President of the AFGLC HEADQUARTERS, stated that the primary mission of the AFGLC-MISSOURI is to assist in the overall mission of AFGLC in the rejuvenation and enhancement of Hellenism in the United States of America. To accomplish their mission, AFGLC has introduced a dynamic educational process that involves the establishment of INTER-DISCIPLINARY CENTERS FOR HELLENIC STUDIES, ICHS, at various universities across America. Each ICHS consists of five endowed, named professors in *Greek philosophy*, *Greek language*, the *Orthodox religion*, *Greek history*, and *Greek culture*. Both the ICHS and the name-endowed professors are legally structured with the host university in perpetuity. The ICHS Centers emulate the model center ICHS, the “Center of Excellence,” that has been established at the University of South Florida. Details of the aims and objectives of the AFGLC-ICHS can be found at our website, www.afglc.org.

The AFGLC—MISSOURI CENTER will be the local supporting nucleus of the future ICHS Center of that region. Negotiations are currently under way with local universities in St. Louis concerning this matter.