Whereas, the Southeastern Archaeological Conference and the international zooarchaeological community lost a valued colleague, educator, and mentor with the death of Dr. Arlene Fradkin in October; and

Whereas, she was one of Elizabeth Wing’s zooarchaeology graduate students at the University of Florida where she received her M.A. in 1976 and her Ph.D. in 1988, joined the faculty of the Department of Anthropology at Florida Atlantic University in 1998, was promoted to Professor in 2017, and was an affiliate of the Florida Museum of Natural History; and

Whereas, she was an enthusiastic teacher, a generous member of interdisciplinary teams, a dedicated member of the global community of zooarchaeologists, and a skilled zooarchaeologist; and

Whereas, she advanced our knowledge of relationships among people, animals, and environments through her study of faunal remains from Central and South America, Roman and Byzantine sites in the Middle East, and the southeastern United States, especially Florida; and

Whereas, she was an active member of the International Council of Archaeozoology (ICAZ) and the ICAZ Fish Remains Working Group (FRWG), serving as an editor for three consecutive issues of the FRWG proceedings; and

Whereas, throughout her career she contributed to museum exhibitions, traveling exhibits, and public programs on Florida history, most recently with funding from the Florida Humanities Council; and
Whereas, she was a huge Florida Atlantic theater fan, attending almost every production at FAU, and an energetic, generous contributor to university and professional service; and

Whereas, her colleagues will miss her enthusiasm for science, her caring support, and her infectious laugh; and

Whereas the archaeological community has lost a dedicated scholar whose passion will live on in the students for whom she was an inspiration and to whom she was deeply devoted; then

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference honor Arlene’s contributions to archaeology and express their sympathy to her family, colleagues, and friends.