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**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Upon Edward E. Waali; The University of Montana-Missoula**

**THAT:**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Edward E. Waali from the faculty of The University of Montana-Missoula, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Chemistry, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

**EXPLANATION:**

Edward E. Waali was born in Bremerton, Washington, the son of Eero and Olla Waali, and one of four children. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Washington in 1966 and his Ph. D. in organic chemistry from the University of Wyoming in 1970. Following that, he conducted postdoctoral research for two years at the University of Florida.

After teaching in the states of Georgia and Wisconsin, he began his employment with The University of Montana in 1979 as an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry. In 1982 and 1988, he earned promotions to Associate Professor and Professor, respectively.

During his tenure at the University, he was manager of the nuclear magnetic resonance facility in the Department of Chemistry. He was chairman of the Chemistry Building Committee during a very complicated two-year renovation of that building.

He has been a visiting scientist at the University of Washington, Louisiana State University, and the University of Queensland.

He will probably be most remembered by students for his teaching the full-year organic chemistry lecture and laboratory courses during his years in the Department. The courses have always been important for chemistry majors, but they are also critical stepping stones for students pursuing degrees in the biological and health Sciences.

He is a 40-year member of the American Chemical Society (ACS). He was extensively involved over the years with the Montana Section of the ACS, serving as chair, treasurer and meeting organizer.

With this recommendation go sincere thanks for 28 years of invaluable service to the State of Montana, The University of Montana and its Department of Chemistry. Congratulations and best wishes for the future.