

September 23-25, 2009

ITEM 144-1601-R0909

**Title of Professor Emeritus of Education: Linda L. Reiten;
The University of Montana Western**

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Linda L. Reiten from the faculty of The University of Montana-Western, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her ten and one-half years of dedicated and valued service to the University by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus of Education be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION:

Professor of Education Linda Reiten joined the faculty at The University of Montana Western in 1999. She received her B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Education at the University of North Dakota.

During her long and distinguished career at The University of Montana-Western Dr. Reiten has served her students, campus, and profession in a variety of ways. Dr. Reiten was hired to develop and teach Special Education in the university's Special Education minor. In addition, she has served on countless campus committees, including the General Education Committee, Faculty Development Committee, Faculty Senate and Unit Standards Committee. She has served as Director of the UMW Special Education programs and Chair of the UMW Department of Education. At the state level, she served on the Montana Education Consortium, Montana Council for Systematic Professional Development and the Advisory Committee for Rewriting Standards for Teacher Preparation in Special Education. Prior to coming to Montana, Linda served on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin State Reading Association, was Chair of its Multicultural Literature Committee, on the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Association for Education of Young Children, Chair of the United Tribes Technical College Early Childhood Education Advisory Board, and board member of Pride Industries. Prior to her distinguished university career, she served as a special education teacher in public schools in North Dakota and for the Navajo Nation. She also served in the Peace Corps in Brazil.

Throughout her career at The University of Montana Western Dr. Linda L. Reiten has served the campus and the community with distinction. Her dedicated service has earned her the respect of her students, colleagues, and professional associates.