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ITEM 146-2701-R0110 Professor Emeritus of Educational Theory and Practice and Mathematics: David M. Davison; Montana State University-Billings

THAT: Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor David M. Davison from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty wishes to extend its appreciation for his 32 years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Educational Theory and Practice, the Department of Mathematics and the State of Montana by recommending the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred on him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION: David M. Davison earned his B.A. degree in Mathematics in 1958 and his B.Ed. degree in Educational Measurement in 1961 from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and his Ed.M. (1973) and Ph.D. (1974) degrees in Mathematics Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Prior to his graduate studies at the University of Illinois, David taught mathematics in Melbourne Public Schools for eight years and at Monash Teachers College for four years. After the completion of his graduate studies, David returned to Australia where he was a Senior Lecturer in Mathematics Education from January 1974 until May 1977. In September 1977 he was appointed Assistant Professor of Elementary and Secondary Education at Eastern Montana College. He was appointed Chair of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education in March 1979 and promoted to Associate Professor in Fall 1979. In 1980-81 he served as Acting Dean of the School of Extended Studies and Community Service. David resigned the chair position in June 1983, and was subsequently promoted to Professor in 1986. In 1994 he received a Joint Appointment in the Departments of Curriculum and Instruction and Mathematics.

During his tenure at Montana State University Billings, David received several awards: Burlington-Northern Award for Outstanding Teaching (1986), Faculty Excellence Award (1996), MSU Billings CEHS Partnership Award (2002), ASMSUB Outstanding Teacher Award (2009), and the Benedict J. Surwill Lifetime Achievement Award (2009). He was also recognized for his service to the gifted and talented community by several awards from the Association for Gifted and Talented Education. He has also served the University by chairing the Graduate Committee, the Budget Committee, and the College of Education Curriculum Council. He has mentored numerous undergraduate and graduate students, including several dozen who completed masters theses.

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During his tenure, David has co-authored eight textbooks in mathematics, has published over 50 papers in mathematics and teacher education journals, has made more than 100 presentations at national and international meetings, and has received over \$500,000 in external grants.

Beyond the campus, David has served as President of the Northwest Association of Teacher Educators, as President of the Montana Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, as Vice President of the Research Council on Mathematics Learning, and as Vice President of the International Study Group on Ethnomathematics.

For these and numerous other contributions, the faculty of the Departments of Educational Theory and Practice and Mathematics are pleased to nominate Dr. David M. Davison for the rank of Professor Emeritus of Educational Theory and Practice and Mathematics at Montana State University Billings