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Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Animal and Range Sciences on Wayne F. Gipp; Montana State University – Bozeman

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Wayne F. Gipp from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Wayne F. Gipp received his B.S. in Animal Science from Cornell University in 1966 and his M.S. degree in Animal Nutrition from Purdue University in 1968. In 1971, he received his Ph.D. in Swine Nutrition from Cornell University.

After completing his PhD, Dr. Gipp worked in the commercial feed industry for 5 years conducting research and providing service to U.S. swine producers. Dr. Gipp began his academic career as an assistant professor at Arizona State University in 1976, teaching several Animal Sciences courses and conducting swine nutrition research. In 1981, Dr. Gipp joined the faculty of the Montana Extension Service/Animal and Range Sciences Department at Montana State University as an assistant professor and Extension Swine Specialist, and was promoted to associate professor in 1985. He was promoted to professor in 1994. For 14 months (2005-2006), Dr. Gipp served as interim head of the Department.

During his 29 years of service at Montana State University, Dr. Gipp taught and advised undergraduates, conducted swine nutrition research and provided outstanding service to the Montana swine industry. Dr. Gipp taught Swine Production and Management from 1990 until 2007, and Applied Techniques in Livestock Management – Swine since its inception in 2000. From 2001-2005, Dr. Gipp was the Animal Science Undergraduate Program Certifying Officer. Dr. Gipp has conducted numerous swine research trials with an emphasis on nutrition and feeding, including the utilization of Montana feedstuffs in swine feeds. He has published and reviewed journal articles, technical reports and conference proceedings and has given scientific presentations at regional and national levels. During his career, Dr. Gipp served on numerous department, college and university committees, and will be remembered as an excellent citizen at all levels for his fairness and thoroughness.

During Dr. Gipp's career at Montana State University, his primary responsibility was to serve as Montana's Extension Swine Specialist. The overall objective of his Extension program was to assist Montana swine producers to economically produce and market high quality hogs in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. Dr. Gipp played a major role in assisting producers deal with the loss of major in-state live hog market outlets, was instrumental in providing information and tools to help producers understand and adopt marketing based on carcass quality, managed the C.H. Perry live animal performance test station from 1980 to 1994, and introduced a state-wide carcass evaluation program (SOE) in 1984 to assist youth and adult producers.

Dr. Gipp was professionally active in state and national pork producer organizations, and served as an ad hoc reviewer for various scientific journals and as a reviewer for various grant-related programs for the state of Montana. From 1987-1992, Dr. Gipp chaired the Montana Livestock Nutrition Conference and edited the conference proceedings. In 2004, Dr. Gipp received the American Society of Animal Science-Western Section's "Extension Award". He received the MPPC "Friend of the Industry" award, and was recently elected to the Montana 4-H Hall of Fame.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Wayne F. Gipp the rank of Professor Emeritus of Animal and Range Sciences at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.