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**ITEM 155-2001-R0512**

**Authorization to Confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Economics on Robert K. Fleck; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Robert K. Fleck 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.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Fleck joined the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics as an Assistant Professor in 1995. In addition to his research and teaching responsibilities for MSU, Professor Fleck served on dozens of department, college, and university-level committees during his career at MSU.

Professor Fleck is a widely published author and speaker on many economics issues, holding particular expertise in political economy, public finance, economic history, law and economics, and development economics. He has written dozens of articles for economics journals and has delivered dozens of presentations of his work. A short sampling of his recent publications illustrates relevancy of his research: *Judicial Review as a Constraint on the Tyranny of the Majority* (2012), *Natural Selection and the Problem of Evil: An Evolutionary Model with Application to an Ancient Debate* (2011), *Repeated Adjustment of Delegated Powers and the History of Eminent Domain* (2010), *Changing Aid Regimes? US Foreign Aid From the Cold War to the War on Terror* (2010), *Rulers Ruled by Women: An Economic Analysis of the Rise and Fall of Women's Rights in Ancient Sparta* (2009), and *Voter Influence and Big Policy Change: The Positive Political Economy of the New Deal* (2008).

Dr. Fleck's excellence in research is matched by his outstanding teaching. He has taught courses at all levels, ranging from General Economics to Public Finance, to Honors Economics to Graduate Econometrics. Graduate students in the department frequently seek him out as a thesis advisor.

In summary, Robert Fleck has served Montana State University well by combining his excellent knowledge of Economics with his skills in research and teaching as a means to increase understanding of critical issues. His work ranges from the local to the national and international, and he continues to be actively involved in communicating his knowledge.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Robert K. Fleck the rank of Professor Emeritus of Economics at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments