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Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Management upon Thomas D. Hinthorne; Montana State University Billings

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Thomas D. Hinthorne from the faculty of Montana State University, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the College of Business, 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:

Upon his retirement on May 15, 2008, the faculty of the College of Business has unanimously requested emeritus status for Professor Hinthorne. During his tenure, Professor Hinthorne served as an Associate and a Full Professor. As Director of the Small Business Institute program for 12 years, he guided teams of senior students as they developed business plans for regional clients and entered business plan competitions. Since 1993, he has guided the development of about 250 student business plans.

Professor Hinthorne received his BS degree in forest engineering from Oregon State University and his MBA and PhD in business from the University of Oregon. He came to Montana State University in 1993 after serving seven years as an Assistant Professor at Idaho State University and four years as an Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Canada. Prior to his 26-year teaching career, Professor Hinthorne spent 20 years in the forest products industry, including 15 years as Manager of Raw Materials Planning for a Canadian multinational forest products firm. He has been a superb teacher, researcher, and service provider to the University, the College of Business, and the business community in Montana. He has taught undergraduate business students and executive and graduate MBA students. He has published basic, applied, and pedagogical research and made presentations across the US and in Canada.

In 1997 and 2007, the Associated Students at MSU-B recognized Professor Hinthorne as the Outstanding Faculty Member in the College of Business. In addition, the faculty has variously awarded his teaching, research, and service. For five years, he has been a member of the board of directors of the North American Case Research Association, co-editor of the annual meeting proceedings, and a reviewer for the *Case Research Journal*.

Professor Hinthorne has made significant contributions to the students and faculty in the College of Business and to the Montana business community. We congratulate him upon his retirement and wish him the very best for the future.