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**Title of Professor Emeritus of Accounting and Finance:  
Joseph Weber; UM–Missoula**

**THAT:**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Joseph Weber from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 25 years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the School of Business Administration, the Department of Accounting and Finance, 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:**

Joseph A. Weber, a native Montanan, earned his B.A. in Mathematics from St. John's University of Minnesota and his M.A., also in Mathematics, from the University of Colorado. For two years he served as First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, receiving the Bronze Star Medal for service in Vietnam. He received his Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Minnesota. Immediately after completing his doctorate, in January 1984, he joined the Department of Accounting and Finance in the School of Business Administration.

Dr. Weber began his teaching career by offering Income Tax I and II. His expertise in those courses lasted throughout his career, and to this date, he continues to teach tax courses. He also plays a primary role in Contemporary Accounting Problems, which prepares students to take the uniform CPA examination. Under Dr. Weber's guidance, UM accounting students have been recognized more than once as first in the nation for the pass rate on the CPA exam.

In 1989, Dr. Weber was promoted to Associate Professor. Just two years later he received tenure, and in 1994, he was promoted to Professor.

In addition to his classroom teaching, Joe Weber taught for the Tax Practitioner Institutes in Great Falls and Helena and, via interactive television, taught students in the Off-Campus MBA Program. He served on the Board of Directors for the UC Bookstore, was the faculty advisor for Beta Alpha Psi (the honorary organization for Accounting, Finance, and Information Systems students and professionals), and, most recently, on the Montana University System Learning Outcomes Council. He has also been a member of the

Montana Society of CPA's Committee on Federal Taxation and Committee on State Taxation, as well as the American Accounting Association's Membership Committee and subcommittee on Common Body of Knowledge. He published articles in several national journals. His dedication was recognized through nominations for several awards including the Burlington-Northern Distinguished Faculty Award in Teaching, Burlington-Northern Distinguished Faculty Award in Research, and the Montana Society of CPA's Outstanding Educator Award.

Throughout his career at The University of Montana, Dr. Joseph Weber served UM and the Montana community with distinction. In this dedicated service he has earned the respect of his students, colleagues, and associates throughout the University and the State of Montana. The Board and the University are grateful.