

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY**

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013

ITEM: A13-0320-CT01

TITLE: **PROPOSAL FOR NAMING JABS HALL**

SPONSOR: College of Business  
Dean Gregg Aytes

ACTION: APPROVED by 6 – 0 vote, the Commemorative Tributes Committee recommends that the new College of Business building be named “Jabs Hall” in honor of Mr. Jake Jabs.

EXPLANATION: WHEREAS, Mr. Jake Jabs is a recognized entrepreneur and a leader in the business industry;

WHEREAS, Montana State University recognized Mr. Jabs’ significant accomplishments in the field of business with an honorary doctorate in 2012;

WHEREAS, in December 2010, Mr. Jabs contributed \$25,000 in annual scholarships for entrepreneurship students, and contributed \$3 million to the College of Business’ Center for Entrepreneurship for the New West; and in October 2011, Mr. Jabs announced an unrestricted gift in the amount of \$25 million dollars to MSU for the College of Business;

WHEREAS, due to the \$25 million gift, the College of Business is currently designing a new \$18 million building to house the College of Business, and intends to use the remaining \$7 million from the gift to enhance academic programs in the College;

WHEREAS, the College administration represents that the naming of the College of Business building is a good faith effort to honor and appreciate Jake Jabs for his entrepreneurial accomplishments and generous support of Montana State University, as articulated in the attached proposal;

WHEREAS, the College of Business recently voted by an overwhelming majority to seek this honor for Mr. Jabs, in recognition of his significant contributions to the College;

THEREFORE, the College of Business requests that the Commemorative Tributes Committee provide the University President with affirming statement that naming the College of Business building “Jabs Hall” is commiserate with the Commemorative Tributes Policy, without modification and/or alteration.



Michael Stevenson  
Commemorative Tributes Committee Chair

02/20/2013  
Date

