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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title Associate Professor Emerita of Education upon Dr. Mary Joyce Herbeck; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Mary Joyce Herbeck from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Mary Joyce Herbeck began her tenure at Montana State University in 1998 and was invited to create a course that would not only introduce pre-service teachers to children's literature but teach the pedagogical techniques to use literature in their classrooms. Dr. Herbeck adopted the experiential learning model of applying classroom learning in another context. Through her work with the Department of Education, the Bozeman School District, and the Greater Gallatin United Way kidsLINK after school program, students from EDU 331 Literature and Literacy for Children have read and engaged with local community children as part of "Book Club" for over a decade.

Dr. Herbeck also invites her students to engage in the professional literacy community. Since 2008, she and her students have volunteered for the Children's Festival of the Book event held at the Bozeman Public Library. Her students share their amazement for the community's excitement in meeting and hearing children's authors read their books.

Dr. Herbeck's professional service has included serving as President of the Montana Association of Teachers of English and Language Arts and presenting regularly with her students at the Montana Federation of Public Employees' annual Educators Conference. Students present different children's or young adult literature award-winning books to standing room only audiences, summarizing the book and detailing its benefits for an elementary or middle school classroom.

Since coming to MSU, Dr. Herbeck has served as the faculty advisor for the Aspiring Educators student club (formerly Student Montana Education Association). The MSU chapter has been the most active student club in the state.

Finally, Dr. Herbeck is a global ambassador and teaches the value of learning another culture through engaging with its language and literature. To this end, Dr. Herbeck has led students to England and France (in 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2013) and to Mexico in 2015.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Mary Joyce Herbeck the rank of Associate Professor Emerita of Education at Montana State University and wishes her well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None