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ITEM 226-2001-R0926

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Finance on Gary L. Caton;
Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the retirement of Dr. Gary L. Caton from the faculty of 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.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Gary L. Caton retires following a distinguished academic career that included nearly two decades of service at Montana State University, culminating in his role as Professor of Finance. During his tenure at MSU, Dr. Caton served as a scholar, teacher, mentor, faculty leader, and ambassador for the college and university.

Dr. Caton earned a B.A. in Biology from Western State College of Colorado and a Ph.D. in Business Administration with a specialization in Finance from the University of Oklahoma. Prior to joining Montana State University in 2006, he held faculty appointments at Washington State University, Chapman University, and the University of Otago in New Zealand. He also served as a Visiting Researcher at Singapore Management University. Before beginning his academic career, Dr. Caton served as a Flight Officer and Navigation Instructor in the United States Air Force from 1981 to 1990.

While at Montana State University, Dr. Caton made significant contributions in the areas of research, teaching, and service. He established an accomplished record of scholarly productivity, publishing in highly respected academic journals including the Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Journal of Corporate Finance, Financial Management, Accounting & Finance, and Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal. His research has been widely cited across the fields of finance, accounting, management, and economics, demonstrating both the quality and impact of his scholarship. He also secured numerous internal grants and fellowships supporting research on corporate governance, banking regulation, accountability, and microfinance initiatives, including externally supported work focused on sustainable microlending in rural Nepal.

Dr. Gary L. Caton has served the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship, Montana State University, and the State of Montana with honor, distinction, and dedication. His contributions to scholarship, student success, and the broader university community have left a lasting impact.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. Gary Caton the rank of Professor Emeritus of Finance at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None