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ITEM 226-2005-R0926

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Entomology upon Dr. David Weaver; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. David Weaver from the College of Agriculture at 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. David K. Weaver served MSU initially from 1990–1992 and continuously from 1997 until his retirement effective May 15, 2026. During this time, he advanced through the academic ranks to Professor and became one of the institution’s most accomplished and internationally recognized faculty members. His work has brought distinction not only to MSU but also to the State of Montana and the broader scientific community.

As an educator and mentor, Dr. Weaver demonstrated a deep and sustained commitment to student success. He taught core and advanced courses, as well as multiple graduate-level special topics courses. Beyond the classroom, he mentored and advised numerous students, contributing substantially to the training of the next generation of scientists and professionals.

Dr. Weaver’s scholarly contributions are extraordinary. He is internationally recognized for his work in agronomic entomology, insect chemical ecology, and spatial ecology, and is widely regarded as a leading authority on the wheat stem sawfly, Montana’s most significant agricultural insect pest. His research productivity includes 158 peer-reviewed journal articles and a sustained, highly successful record of external funding. Over the course of his career, he served as principal investigator or co–principal investigator on numerous competitive grants, securing more than \$13 million in research funding, including approximately \$10 million as principal investigator. These efforts supported interdisciplinary collaborations, student training, and research with significant scientific and societal impact.

Dr. Weaver’s record clearly satisfies and exceeds the criteria for emeritus faculty status as defined in Montana State University policy. His career reflects long-standing dedication, professional excellence, and significant contributions to MSU’s land-grant mission

For these and other reasons, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. David Weaver the rank of Profesosor Emeritus of Entomology at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None