

ITEM 139-2006-R0508

**Title of Professor Emeritus of Animal and Range Sciences:
Raymond P. Ansotegui; MSU-Bozeman**

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Ray Ansotegui from 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:

Ray Ansotegui received his B.S. degree (Animal Science) and M.S. (Range Nutrition) from the University of Nevada-Reno in 1970 and 1973, respectively. He received his Ph.D. degree in Ruminant Nutrition from New Mexico State University in 1986. He began his instructional career on the faculty of Montana State University in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences in 1976 as an Instructor. In 1987, he was promoted to Assistant Professor and developed a program of research in beef cattle trace-mineral nutrition and reproduction. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1994 and Professor in 2003 in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences.

During his years of service at Montana State University, Dr. Ansotegui has taught or co-taught over 30 different Animal and Range Sciences courses. He has delivered lectures and laboratories exercises to over 5,000 undergraduate students at Montana State University, and his name is synonymous with Animal and Range Sciences throughout the state. He has won over a dozen teaching awards; most of which were initiated by students. Most notably, he received the James and Mary Ross Provost's Award for Excellence from MSU, the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science's Distinguished Teaching Award, the Outstanding Teacher Award in the College of Agriculture, and Teaching Excellence Awards from the MSU Alumni and Bozeman Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Ansotegui was the "back-bone" of the teaching program in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences for over 30 years. He has published more than 30 scientific and technical papers and 50 abstracts on original research. He has been an invited speaker in the U.S., Australia, and throughout Montana. He has given hundreds of extension-related presentations to beef cattle producers and county agents throughout the State on the importance of mineral nutrition and reproduction in cattle. Dr. Ansotegui's contributions to students and the beef cattle industry were so well-regarded by former students and industry producers, they donated \$10,000 on his behalf toward the building of the future Animal Biosciences Building at MSU.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Raymond P. Ansotegui the rank of Professor Emeritus of Animal and Range Sciences at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS: