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**Professor Emeritus of Mathematics: Joseph Howell;**  
**Montana State University Billings**

**THAT:**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Joseph Howell from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Mathematics, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

**EXPLANATION:**

Upon his retirement December 11, 2008, the faculty of the Department of Mathematics unanimously requested emeritus status for Professor Joseph Howell. Professor Joseph Howell has completed a distinguished academic career of twenty-eight years at Montana State University Billings. During his tenure, Professor Howell served as an Assistant, Associate and a Full Professor. Dr. Howell served his department as Chair for fourteen years and the College of Arts and Sciences as Interim Dean for two years.

Professor Howell received his BS degree in Pure Mathematics from the University of Bristol, his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Denver. He has honored his profession through the publication of four scholarly publications in mathematics, presented papers/presentations at ten professional meetings and prepared ten consultations for governmental and private entities. Throughout his career he has taught approximately ten different rigorous courses in Mathematics and Statistics at Montana State University Billings.

He has served the University through his participation on ten departmental and university committees including: Wine Festival Organizing Committee, Member and Chair of the Board of Directors of ASMSUB Day School, Member of the Montana University System Core Curriculum Committee, President of the Faculty Association Committee and Organizer and local sponsor of MATHCOUNTS Contest.

Dr. Howell held membership in five local and national professional associations including; Mathematical Association of America, American Mathematical Society, Institute of Mathematical Statistics, American Statistical

Association and Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

Professor Joseph Howell has made significant contributions to the students and faculty in the Department of Mathematics, the College of Arts and Sciences and to the Montana community. Montana State University Billings wishes to honor Professor Howell for his outstanding contributions to higher education and his discipline. We congratulate him upon his retirement and wish him the very best for the future.