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ITEM 145-2001-R1109 **Title of Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering:
Bruce R. McLeod; Montana State University-Bozeman**

THAT: Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Bruce R. McLeod 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. Bruce R. McLeod completed his undergraduate work in Electrical Engineering at Colorado State University in 1961. He then successfully pursued graduate studies, receiving an MS and a PhD from the University of Colorado-Boulder in 1965 and 1968, respectively. He was employed in industry by the General Electric Company (1961-64) and the Boeing Company (1968-70), prior to joining MSU in 1970.

Dr. McLeod's early academic career at MSU included 26 years as an assistant, associate, and full professor (1970-1996), at which time he became ECE Department Head (1996-1999). During Dr. McLeod's tenure as Department Head, the new Computer Engineering B.S. degree program was established (1997). In addition to many departmental and college honors, Dr. McLeod received the MSU Wiley Award for Meritorious Research in 1991 and the MSU President's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1996.

Dr. McLeod became the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies in 1999, a position he would hold for six years before returning to the ECE faculty. During his time as Graduate Dean, Dr. McLeod established many of the key policies and procedures that guide graduate studies at Montana State University to this day. As Dean, Dr. McLeod recognized that many graduate students needed access to programs that could not be offered independently by MSU. Dr. McLeod implemented new processes to allow distance education degree programs at the graduate level as part of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (IDEA). In recognition of his important role in distance education, he received the Second Annual Friend of Great Plains IDEA Award in 2008.

In the research laboratory, Dr. McLeod invents and creates numerous important technologies for the use of electromagnetic fields in controlling and regulating tissue growth in biological systems. He is the inventor on 28 United States patents and 11 foreign patents.

In recognition of Dr. Bruce R. McLeod's 39 years of remarkable service to Montana State University, the faculty of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering unanimously requests emeritus status for Professor McLeod.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Bruce R. McLeod the rank of Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.