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ITEM 145-2003-R1109 Title of Dean and Professor Emeritus of Libraries: Bruce Morton; Montana State University-Bozeman

THAT: Upon the occasion of the retirement of Bruce Morton 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: Bruce Morton joined the MSU faculty in 1984 and served with distinction as the Dean of MSU Libraries from August 1993 through July 2007. He holds both the BA and MA in English from Pennsylvania State University. He was awarded a Masters in Library Science from the State University of New York College at Genesco in 1974.

Dean Morton led the MSU Libraries through a period of transformative change, including a major renovation of the Renne Library building. He initiated the move from paper to electronic journal delivery and increased substantially the scholarly information available to students and faculty. Bruce Morton was instrumental in developing an information acquisitions funding model that links institutional research aspirations with funding.

Bruce Morton was the first member of the library faculty to achieve the rank of full Professor. He is credited with the formation of the first Friends of the MSU Libraries, the establishment of ESIG (EPSCoR Science Information Group) in 2001, and creation of the first development and advancement program to build endowments for the MSU Libraries and its collections.

Throughout his tenure as Dean of Libraries, he continued to teach at least one Honors Seminar per year, primarily Texts and Critics. He also taught the College of Letters and Sciences Freshman Seminar.

Bruce Morton served his profession, Montana State University and the people of the State of Montana through his service on the Montana State Library Commission, the EPSCoR Science Information Group Board of Directors, the OCLC Research Advisory Committee, and the Government Documents Roundtable of the American Library Association.

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