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**Title of Professor Emeritus of Liberal Studies: George Waring; Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

**THAT:**

On the occasion of the retirement of Professor George Waring from the faculty of Montana Tech of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its deep appreciation for his 42 years of dedicated and valuable service to the university, the Department of Liberal Studies, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred on him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

**EXPLANATION:**

George Waring earned his B.A. in History in 1964 and his M.A. in English History and Modern European History in 1967, both from the University of Washington. In 1967, George joined the faculty of Montana Tech as a member of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, now the Department of Liberal Studies, where he taught a wide array of History and Government courses.

George is the author of six peer-reviewed articles on subjects ranging from the history of late-medieval mining in Austria and Germany, a study of the adoption of non-partisan elections in Butte, to a pedagogical study on "Making Western Civ Relevant: Silver Mining and the Protestant Reformation."

Among the noteworthy honors that George has received were three grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, in 1978, 1980, and 1986, enabling him to research the literature and history of the Protestant Reformation, as well as a summer student grant from Oxford University, where George researched early Twentieth-century British Political history.

During the 1990s, George researched the history of Fascism, relating its ideology to the rise of the extremist Right in Montana and rural America. This work culminated in a series of public presentations George made in diverse venues across the state and a new, senior-level Fascism course at Tech.

George is a founding member of Change is Coming, Butte, has served as the Chair of the Montana Human Rights Network, Secretary for the Citizens' Technical Environmental Committee, Treasurer of the Butte Democratic Party, and Butte's Taking Action for Peaceful Solutions. He hosted a series of documentary films at Tech from 2002 to 2008 as part of TAPS' Citizens Political Education program. He writes for several publications and volunteers teaching Church history.

Colleagues who have worked with George and students who have

had the good fortune to study with him acknowledge the unwavering enthusiasm he shows for his subject. They will remember him for his passion for justice, in academia and in the world. George is uncompromising in his academic standards and in his commitment and devotion to education.

For these and many other contributions to the college and the community, the Department of Liberal Studies is pleased to nominate Professor George Waring for the rank of Professor Emeritus of Liberal Studies at Montana Tech of The University of Montana.