

ITEM 150-2003-R0311

Authorization to Confer the Title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering on Ralph Zimmer; Montana State University-Bozeman

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Ralph Zimmer 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

Dr. Ralph Zimmer retired after completing 26 years of remarkable service as Assistant and Associate Professor in the Civil Engineering department. Dr. Zimmer earned a BS in Civil Engineering in 1964. He added a MS in 1965 and a PhD in 1972, all from Purdue University. In 1972, he also joined the faculty of the department of Civil Engineering as an Assistant Professor. He was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 1979.

Dr. Zimmer's expertise is in the field of transportation engineering. His contributions include important committee service work for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and he worked for years with the Montana Department of Transportation developing the Montana roadway inventory database. He is a long-time Chairperson of the joint City/County/School District Pedestrian and Traffic Committee and has served on the Bozeman Transportation Coordinating Committee since its inception in the mid-1970's.

Dr. Zimmer is a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, responsible for designation of the Mullan Road from Ft. Benton, MT, to Walla Walla, WA, as a "National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark." He is also a Fellow of the Institute for Transportation Engineers as well as the Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals where he was awarded this Association's very first Distinguished Service Award in 2009. Through these efforts and through his scholarship in the discipline of transportation engineering, Dr. Zimmer brought a positive national recognition to Montana State University which continues to this day.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Ralph Zimmer the rank of Associate Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering at Montana State University, and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments