

ITEM 151-2002-R0511

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Agronomy on Grant D. Jackson;
Montana State University-Bozeman**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Grant D. Jackson 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. Grant D. Jackson earned a BS in Agronomy in 1964 from Oklahoma Panhandle State College. He earned a MS in Soils in 1970 and a PhD in Crop and Soil Science in 1974, both from Montana State University. From 1977 to 1979, he served as an Extension Cropping Systems Specialist in the Department of Plant and Soil Science. He returned to Montana State University in 1984, joining the faculty of the College of Agriculture as an Associate Professor. He served as the Superintendent of the Central Agricultural Research Center at Moccasin from 1984 to 1990, and since 1990, served as the Cropping Systems Researcher at the Western Triangle Agricultural Research Center (WTARC) near Conrad. Dr. Jackson also served as the WTARC Superintendent during the last two years of his career. He was tenured in 1992 and promoted to Professor in 2002.

Dr. Jackson's expertise is in the field of soil nutrient management and dryland cropping systems. His life-long contributions to Montana agriculture have been substantial. During his career, Dr. Jackson authored or co-authored 84 refereed and peer-reviewed publications, 44 abstracts and proceedings, as well as a very large number of presentations to both professional and clientele audiences. He has been an active member of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA), the Soil Science Society of America, the Western Society of Crop Science, the Western Society of Soil Science and the Soil Conservation Society of America. He has been recognized as a Certified Professional Soil Scientist and Certified Professional Agronomist by the ASA since 1978. His contributions also include important committee service work for the American Society of Agronomy, as well as serving on the Board of Directors for ARCPACS, the professional certification program of the ASA. He has received two state awards for his service; Outstanding Service Award from the Montana FFA Alumni and the AERO Sustainable Agriculture Award. Through these efforts and through his scholarship in the discipline of agronomy, Dr. Jackson 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. Grant D. Jackson the rank of Professor Emeritus of Agronomy at Montana State University, and wishes him well for many years in the future.