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**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Forage Science upon S. Dennis Cash;
Montana State University-Bozeman**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of S. Dennis Cash 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

Dennis Cash received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from New Mexico State University in Crop Science and Agronomy, respectively and his Ph.D. from Montana State University in Crop and Soil Science in 1982. After working in industry, Dr. Cash was hired as Extension Forage Specialist at Montana State University in 1992.

As Forage Specialist, Dennis was involved in training Extension Agents and producers in the use of the Nitrate QuikTest for rapid detection of high nitrate levels in forages. Dr. Cash emphasized optimizing production of protein and digestible nutrients per acre of Montana's forage crops and investigated forage quality and persistence of Montana perennial forages, and annual forages for crop rotation. During his career at MSU, Dr. Cash was involved in the development of 'Willow Creek' forage wheat, 'Shosone' sainfoin, 'Montana' meadow bromegrass, and 'Shaw' alfalfa varieties. These forage varieties have improved forage production by Montana producers.

Dennis was an active participant in forage and crop science professional societies. Dr. Cash has worked on program planning committees for conferences, advisory committees for grassland councils, and review boards for grant proposals. As a faculty member at Montana State University, Dennis was very active in departmental, college, Extension and university committees.

Dennis Cash published 2 book chapters, 24 referred, 97 reviewed, 71 technical and 121 popular press and newspaper publications during his career. In addition, Dennis created video, interactive television and web applications. Dennis was one of the most sought out members in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences for Extension programs throughout the state. These programs concentrated on forage management, harvest and utilization by livestock. His education and applied research projects were vital to the success of Montana livestock and forage producers. Dennis also worked on international projects in China to improve forage crops.

All of Dennis' contributions have been recognized by his peers with the Montana Association of County Agricultural Agents Achievement Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents Achievement Award, and National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished

Service Award. Dennis received the Liupanshan Friendship Award from the Government of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, Peoples Republic of China.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon S. Dennis Cash the rank of Professor Emeritus of Forage Science at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments