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ITEM 180-2002-R0918**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Accounting on Christie Johnson, Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Christie Johnson from the College of Business at Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

In recognition for the many long years of service to Montana State University and to the accounting profession, we nominate recently retired Associate Professor Christie Johnson for Emeritus status. Christie joined the faculty in the College of Business at MSU in 1980. During her 38 years at MSU, she helped establish the Accounting program as one of the premier programs in the region. She also contributed substantially to the advancement of the teaching of accounting on a national level through her numerous pedagogical research contributions. She was one of the first women granted tenure in the College of Business (perhaps the first; records are incomplete for the early years of the college) and was hired at a time when a PhD and the conduct of academic research were not specific requirements for tenure.

Upon beginning her career at MSU, Christie made an immediate impact. Within her first two years as a faculty member, she was nominated for several teaching awards. She was an excellent academic advisor; so much so, that she regularly advised well over 70 undergraduate students who asked to be assigned to her. Her role as a mentor to many of our students over the years cannot be overstated. Alumni, even those from 30 years ago, often ask about Christie and attribute fond memories and excellent learning experiences to her tutelage.

Christie taught many different courses for us over her long tenure in the college. Perhaps more importantly, she was an active contributor to the evolution of the accounting curriculum. Her deep knowledge of the profession and her concern for student learning made her an effective voice in the many curriculum revisions made over the years.

Perhaps Christie's contributions to the MSU community are best summarized by the numerous awards and award nominations she received over the years. A partial list includes:

- She received the Chamber of Commerce Award for Excellence 17 times
- Multiple Beta Gamma Sigma faculty awards
- Phi Kappa Phi Anna K. Fridley Distinguished Teaching Award

Christie Johnson leaves a lasting legacy in the College of Business at MSU. Her dedication to student learning and the accounting profession have established a program that her younger accounting faculty colleagues and our students are proud of. We strongly encourage the Board of Regents to recognize her 38 years of contributions to MSU by awarding her Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None