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**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Economics on Randal Rucker;
Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Randal Rucker 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. Rucker has served as agricultural economics faculty since 1991, a thirty-year span in which Dr. Rucker mentored more than 40 graduate students and contributed greatly to research.

Widely published and frequently cited, Dr. Rucker's numerous publications cover a broad range of topics: economic impacts of government; the costs of contracting for natural resources and agricultural commodities; growing concerns over pollinator health; ongoing research related to sales procedures and contracting practices for timber and breeding bulls; and the operation of regulated markets for liquor licenses and taxi medallions. In recognition of the significant impact of this research, six quality-of-research awards were presented by professional associations around the globe.

Dr. Rucker's teaching has been recognized by both undergraduate and graduate degree students. Over the past 25 years, Agricultural Business majors have finished their senior years with Dr. Rucker's Agricultural Policy class as their Capstone course, while at the same time first-year Master degree students in Applied Economics have taken this same course. For all his students, Dr. Rucker was diligent and tireless in assisting them to think about a broad range of real-world phenomena using the fundamental tools of economics. This dedication was further reflected with offerings of extra sessions to review and question outside of the scheduled class periods. Students have recognized such devotion as significantly impactful to their education and careers. Awards for excellence in teaching have marked his exceptional engagement through the years.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Randal Rucker the rank of Professor Emeritus of Economics at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None