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Professor Emeritus of Psychology: Lynne Koester; The University of Montana–Missoula

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Upon the occasion of her retirement from the Department of Psychology at The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation to Professor Lynne Koester for her eighteen years of dedicated service by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred on her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Lynne Koester earned her Ph.D. degree in Psychology in 1976 from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Since then, Dr. Koester has had a distinguished career as a Professor and researcher of Developmental Psychology in a number of institutions including The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Salzburg College in Austria, the Max-Planck Institute for Psychiatry in Munich, Germany, and Gallaudet University in Washington DC.

In 1993, Dr. Koester was invited to join the Department of Psychology at The University of Montana as its Chair. She held this position for three years and proved to be a very effective chair, especially in helping the faculty strengthen the department's traditions of a humane, democratic and collegial working environment. As a professor of Psychology, Dr. Koester has published her excellent work in numerous distinguished journals as well as in two books that describe her pioneering work in the difficult research area of communications between deaf infants and their deaf or hearing mothers. Dr. Koester has also been an excellent teacher and mentor to her undergraduate and graduate students alike. She is a well-respected researcher, teacher, mentor and citizen of The University of Montana.

In addition to her impressive service to the Department of Psychology, Dr. Koester has also been instrumental in establishing the Master's level program in Intercultural Youth and Family Development, a unique program that has graduated scores of students trained in assisting youth and families across the spectrum of local and international cultures.

Over the past eighteen years, Dr. Koester has consistently served The University of Montana with dedication and excellence and has brought significant recognition to The University of Montana at the regional, national and international levels. The Department of Psychology is pleased to recommend Dr. Lynne Koester for Emeritus status.