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**ITEM 155-1502A-R0512**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Geology Upon Richard Berg: Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

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**THAT**

On the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Richard (Dick) Berg from his position as Senior Research Geologist of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG), a department of Montana Tech of The University of Montana, the faculty and staff of the MBMG and Montana Tech wish to express their appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the MBMG, the Mineral Museum, the University, and the State and people of Montana by recommending the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dick Berg earned his B.Sc. in Geology in 1959 from Beloit College, and his Ph.D. in Geology with a Chemistry minor from The University of Montana, Missoula in 1964.

From 1964 to 1966, Dick taught as an Assistant Professor at State University College in Plattsburgh, New York.

Dick came to the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology in 1966. From the beginning he had a dual role as a Research Geologist and as curator of Montana Tech's Mineral Museum. Dick also joined the faculty of Montana Tech and in 1980 was awarded the rank of Research Professor.

From 1986 to 1989, Dick participated in a cooperative research program between Montana Tech and the Mining College Akita University, Japan. Research activities included three trips to the Tohoku region of Japan to examine deposits of industrial minerals.

From 1989 to 1990, Dick was a Visiting Geologist in the Industrial Minerals and Metals Section, Illinois State Geological Survey.

Dick has served on the Steering Committee for the Forum on the Geology of Industrial Minerals and co-chairman of the 11th Forum on the Geology of Industrial Minerals, Kalispell, Montana (and was Editor of the proceedings volume). He served as President of the Tobacco Root Geological Society from 1985 to 1986, President of the Museums Association of Montana in 1979, and President of the Montana Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists in 1973. He has been the Chairman of the Publications Committee, Industrial Minerals Section, of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), a member of the SME Industrial Minerals Committee, and an Associate Editor for two SME publications. Dick is a fellow of the Geological Society of America and the Society of Economic Geologists, and an active member of SME, the Montana Geological Society, the Tobacco Root Geological Society, and the Yellowstone Bighorn Research Association.

Dick has consistently contributed to Montana Tech campus activities, serving on many search and thesis committees. He was deeply involved in the Library committee and chaired that committee when they were planning the new library.

Dick has been recognized often by his peers for his exceptional work. In 2008 he received the esteemed Hal Williams Hardinge Award from AIME of SME in recognition of his substantial and significant career in Industrial Minerals. In 2007 he was the Honorary Award Winner from the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. He has received Montana Tech's Distinguished Researcher Award and Outstanding Achievement Award. He received an Exceptional Service Award from the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology and recognition from the Tobacco Root Geological Society for his Excellence in Geologic Field Work and Work on Industrial Minerals.

Dick has authored or co-authored more than 100 publications on various aspects of Montana's geology and industrial minerals, covering a broad spectrum of Montana's natural resources across the entire State and providing an extremely valuable, lasting resource to Montanans and the minerals industry.

Dick's insight and expertise in the areas of industrial minerals and resources in Montana and his geologic field work are exceptional and have been shared unselfishly with his many students and colleagues, as well as with industry professionals, during his 48 years of service to the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology and Montana Tech.

For these and numerous other contributions, the faculty of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology are pleased to nominate Dr. Richard Berg for the Rank of Professor Emeritus within the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology at Montana Tech of the University of Montana.

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