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ITEM 187-1016-R0320

Request to Award Honorary Doctorate to William A. Franke – University of Montana

THAT

The University of Montana requests authorization from the Montana Board of Regents to award an honorary doctorate to William A. Franke.

EXPLANATION

William (Bill) A. Franke is a renowned corporate leader and business pioneer with a legacy of achievements in the fields of forest products, banking, retail and financial companies, and, most notably, the airline industry. Currently serving as the Managing Partner of Indigo Partners, LLC, Bill Franke is also respected as a dedicated mentor to young business people, teacher and a generous philanthropist who has made a substantial impact at several institutions, including the University of Montana. Despite his roots in Texas and South America and his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Stanford University, Bill Franke has a deep appreciation for our state and the University of Montana, where both the W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation and the Franke Global Leadership Initiative bear his name.

ATTACHMENTS

None