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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Economics upon George Haynes; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor George Haynes 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. Haynes joined Montana State University in 1992 as an adjunct instructor, and has served in various capacities, advancing from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, and finally to full Professor. He has also served as Interim Department Head of Agricultural and Technology Education from 2018 to 2019. His dedication to teaching is evident in the diverse range of courses he has taught, including Cooperative Principles and Practices, Research Methods, Program Evaluation, Small Business Operations, and Economic Development, among others. His commitment to education has influenced countless students, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in academia, government, and the private sector.

Dr. Haynes's scholarly work is extensive and impactful. He has authored numerous refereed publications in prestigious journals, covering topics such as the survival and success of family-owned small businesses, the financial intermingling in family businesses, and the economic impact of natural disasters on small businesses. His research has been instrumental in advancing our understanding of family business dynamics, disaster recovery, and economic resilience.

Dr. Haynes served extensively in the field. Highlights in an impressive career of important committee work, leadership, and contributing quality publications to the field include: serving as both President and Distinguished Fellow for the American Council on Consumer Interests, serving as the associate editor of the Journal of Family and Economic Interests for 9 years, and currently serving on the Editorial Board of the Entrepreneurship Research Journal; a role he's held since 2019.

Dr. Haynes has been highly successful in securing grant funding to support his work. Over the course of his career, he has been awarded several significant grants from federal and state agencies, as well as private foundations. These grants have not only supported his research but have also provided valuable opportunities for students to engage in hands-on research and gain practical experience. His grant work has had a lasting impact on the university and the broader community, enabling innovative projects and collaborations that address critical economic issues.

Dr. Haynes's dedication to the community and the university is also evident through his role as an Extension Specialist. He has worked tirelessly to bridge the gap between academic research and practical application, providing valuable resources and support to local businesses and community members. His extension work has included organizing workshops, developing educational materials, and offering one-on-one consultations to help businesses improve their operations and financial stability.

We would be remiss in not highlighting Dr. Haynes' stellar service record, particularly serving 13 years as the university-appointed Faculty Athletics Representative, serving as liaison to the NCAA, the Big Sky Conference, and the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. This accomplishment is no doubt a

highlight, for both Dr. George Haynes and the numerous student athletes he supported through their time at the university.

Given Dr. Haynes's exemplary service, his extensive contributions to research, teaching, grant work, and community engagement, plus his unwavering dedication to Montana State University, I strongly support his nomination for emeritus status. His legacy will continue to inspire both current and future generations of scholars and practitioners in the field of economics.

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

ATTACHMENTS

None