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ITEM 221-1006-R1125

Request for Authorization to Award an Honorary Doctorate to Lana Batts; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

The University of Montana requests authorization from the Montana Board of Regents to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Lana Batts.

EXPLANATION

Lana Batts graduated from the University of Montana in 1968 with a Bachelor's in History and Political Science. During her subsequent decades in the trucking industry, Lana Batts served as the President of the Truckload Carriers Association and Senior Vice President of Government Affairs at the American Trucking Association. She is credited with revitalizing the Professional Truck Driver Institute and creating the Truckload Academy while also being a leading policy advocate and a trailblazer for women in the transportation sector. Batts' impact on the trucking industry also includes service on numerous corporate boards, co-founding Driver iQ, a full-service background screening company for the trucking industry and serving as a managing partner at Transport Capital Partners, an investment firm specializing in mergers and acquisitions of trucking companies. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Batts is also a dedicated member of the Glacier National Park Conservancy Board of Directors, the Flathead Lake Biological Station Advisory Board, and supporter of the Montana Museum of Art and Culture, Montana Audubon, and the Missoula Butterfly Museum.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Nomination Packet