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**ASHTON-TATE REPORTS RESULTS OF ANNUAL
SHAREHOLDERS MEETING**

LOS ANGELES, CA, August 15, 1986 -- Ashton-Tate, the second largest microcomputer applications software company, today reported the results of stockholder voting at its third annual meeting of shareholders held last week at the Century Plaza Hotel.

The proxy proposals approved at the annual meeting included:

- o The election of eight nominees for the Board of Directors.
- o A proposal merging Ashton-Tate into a wholly owned subsidiary for the purpose of reincorporating in the state of Delaware.
- o An amendment to Ashton-Tate's Articles of Incorporation deauthorizing the series of Common Shares designated "Junior Common Stock" and designating a single class of Common Shares as Common Stock.

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o An amendment to Ashton-Tate's Articles of Incorporation increasing the authorized number of shares of Common Stock to 50,000,000.

o An indemnity program for directors and executive officers.

o The creation of a Non-Employee Directors' Option Plan offering 150,000 shares of Common Stock.

o An amendment to the company's Amended and Restated 1982 Common Stock Option and Purchase Plan increasing the number of shares of Common Stock authorized for issuance by 600,000 shares to 2,705,500.

o An amendment to Ashton-Tate's Employee Stock Purchase Plan increasing the number of share of Common Stock authorized for issuance by 50,000 shares to 200,000 shares.

o The ratification of the appointment of Price Waterhouse as Ashton-Tate's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1987.

In a related move, Ashton-Tate's new Board of Directors

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elected the following officers: Edward M. Esber, Jr., chairman, president and CEO; Norman H. Block, executive vice president, finance and administration; Roy E. Folk, executive vice president and general manager, Software Products Division; Ronald S. Posner, executive vice president and general manager, Systems, Service and Information Division; Lawrence Benincasa, vice president, publications.

Paula Cowan, vice president, human resources; E. Charles Ellison, III, vice president, sales; Robert D. Gafford vice president, documentation and communication; Harvey Jeane, vice president, research and development; David H. Russian, vice president, controller; Dennis R. DeBroeck, Secretary

In a reorganization, Robert Gafford assumed the additional responsibilities of operations, previously under the former vice president of operations, Barry Berke, who recently resigned.

Ashton-Tate markets best-selling products in three categories: database management software, with the industry standard dBASE family of products; word processing, with the MultiMate line; and integrated software, with Framework II.

Upon the completion of its recent acquisition of Decision Resources, Inc., Ashton-Tate will market best-selling products in a fourth category, business graphics.

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