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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES
RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER

TORRANCE, CA., JANUARY 27, 1986 -- Ashton-Tate today announced the resignation of Hal Lashlee as a member of its board of directors, effective January 31, 1986. Lashlee will serve as a consultant to the company for the next two years.

Lashlee, one of the founders of Ashton-Tate, plans to pursue other interests.

"Hal Lashlee contributed a great deal to the success of the company," said Edward M. Esber, Jr., Ashton-Tate's president and chief executive officer. "On behalf of Ashton-Tate's shareholders and employees, I wish to thank him for his guidance and efforts over the years. We regret his decision to leave the board. Hal will continue to be a valued advisor to me during the next few years in his capacity as a consultant. We wish him much success in his future endeavors."

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