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ASHTON-TATE NAMES 23 MEMBERS
TO 1987-'88 EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD

TORRANCE, Calif., August 26, 1987 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced the formation of its 1987-'88 Executive Advisory Board, composed of 23 microcomputing decision-makers from Fortune 1000 corporations and government agencies.

The Executive (formerly Corporate) Advisory Board provides a direct communication channel between Ashton-Tate and its corporate and governmental customers.

The members, appointed to one-year terms, hold a variety of positions in corporate and governmental microcomputing. The board includes MIS and office automation executives, micro managers, consultants and directors of internal microcomputer groups.

"Since its founding in 1985, this advisory board has given Ashton-Tate a unique opportunity to hear and discuss the direction and concerns of microcomputer support centers and their end-users," said Luther J. Nussbaum, president and chief operating

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officer of Ashton-Tate. "Our dialogue ensures that Ashton-Tate will continue to deliver products and services that best meet the needs of corporate and government users."

Executive Advisory Board members meet regularly with Ashton-Tate officials to discuss user needs, share common concerns, and assist the company in developing products and policies.

The 1987-'88 Executive Advisory Board was selected by Ashton-Tate to reflect a variety of industries, geographical locations and job responsibilities.

The 23 board members come from a broad cross-section of North American industries including aerospace, consumer-packaged goods, banking and finance, insurance, the military and federal agencies, oil and petrochemicals, telecommunications and computer hardware. Geographically, members represent 12 states, the District of Columbia, and one Canadian province.

Member corporations include ARCO Oil & Gas, Dallas; Continental Illinois Bank, Chicago; Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, New York; First Interstate Services Co., Los Angeles; Honeywell, Inc., Minneapolis; Merrill Lynch, New York; Travelers Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.; and The World Bank, Washington.

Ashton-Tate markets leading software products in five major categories: database management systems with dBASE III PLUS and RapidFile, word processing with MultiMate Advantage II, integrated

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software with Framework II, business graphics with the MASTER GRAPHICS Series, and desktop publishing with Byline. In addition, the company markets a variety of support programs for end-users, corporations and government agencies.

For the second quarter ended July 31, 1987, Ashton-Tate reported revenues of \$63.6 million and net income of \$10.1 million; increases of 29.8 percent and 55.4 percent, respectively, from the previous year.

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