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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF VICE PRESIDENT, MARKETING

Torrance, CA., Nov. 27, 1985 -- Ashton-Tate, a leading developer and marketer of microcomputer software, today announced the resignation of John C. Merson as vice president of marketing, effective November 30. Merson plans to pursue other business opportunities. However, he will serve as a consultant to Ashton-Tate on special projects.

"We wish John the best of luck in his future plans," said Roy E. Folk, Ashton-Tate's executive vice president of marketing and strategic planning. "We are pleased he will continue to work with Ashton-Tate as a consultant."

Ashton-Tate plans to fill the position vacated by Merson.

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