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Extreme Networks Announces John Shoemaker as Chairman of the Board of Directors

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SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 17, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- **Extreme Networks, Inc.** (Nasdaq: EXTR), today announced the appointment of John Shoemaker to chairman of the board of directors, effective today. Shoemaker has served as an active member of Extreme's Board for many years and currently chairs its Nominating and Governance Committee.

"It is an honor to be selected chairman of the board for Extreme Networks," said Shoemaker. "It is a great time to be working at Extreme and with a management team that is truly executing on its vision to be the leader in software-driven networking technology. It has been exciting to be a part of the company's recent growth and I'm looking forward to continuing that trajectory."

Shoemaker is an industry veteran with significant experience at high technology companies, including Altera, SonicWall, Sun Microsystems and Xerox. In addition, Shoemaker has held various senior and executive-level management positions as senior vice president of worldwide marketing at Xerox and vice president and general manager of its Document Systems Business as well as executive vice president of worldwide operations at Sun Microsystems and executive vice president and general manager of its Computer Systems Division. Shoemaker holds a bachelor's degree from Hanover College, a master of business administration degree from Indiana University Kelley Business School and completed Ph.D. coursework at the Indiana University School of Government. At Altera, Inc., Shoemaker served as a member on the Board of Directors and also served as Chairman of the Compensation Committee. In addition, he served as Chairman of the Board at SonicWall, Inc. and has also served on a number of startup Boards including Astute Technologies, Inc. and Conformative Systems, Inc. He is also an advisor to the Johnson Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship and Kelley Business School at Indiana University.

Shoemaker succeeds John Kispert who has decided to step down from the Board to focus on other professional and personal interests. "I'd like to thank John Kispert for his support in chairing our board of directors. Throughout his tenure, he led Extreme through a period of growth and has positioned the company for future success," said Ed Meyercord, president and CEO, Extreme Networks.

Meyercord continued, "We are excited to welcome John Shoemaker to the position of chairman of the board. His deep experience in high technology and proven leadership abilities aligns well with our strategy for growth and the entire management team is excited to work with him to further execute on our vision."

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