MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR
ARTHUR P. BECKER
PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

We are all grieved by the untimely death of our colleague Professor Arthur Becker who died on November 17th after thirty years of dedicated service to the University and the community.

Becker received his baccalaureate, masters and Ph.D. from UW-Madison. He joined the faculty in 1948 after teaching at the University of Connecticut, Eastern New Mexico University, Morningside College and Ohio State University. He served as chairman of the Department of Economics from 1948 to 1955 at the University Extension in Milwaukee and from 1956 to 1963 as chairman of the merged departments at UWM.

These were years of rapid growth as UWM moved from a primarily undergraduate college toward major university status. Becker had played an important role in the creation of our institution as well as providing key leadership during its earlier fledgling years. Becker had written to Governor Rennebohm some years before his return to his native Milwaukee proposing a merger of Milwaukee State Teachers College with the three-year extension program here.

Becker's capacity for work was enormous, finding the time and energy to help establish the credit union and serve as its president and also to serve on numerous faculty committees. His extensive research was policy oriented and focused on land value taxation. He was co-author of Land and Building Taxes and Government Spending and Land Values. His pragmatic interests went beyond teaching and research to community and professional involvement and service, at the local, state and national levels. He had been a member of the Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority since 1963.

Becker was a member of the board of the National Tax Association and chairman of the association's property tax committee. He also was a member of the boards of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, New York, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, American Economics Association, and International Association of Assessing Officers.

He was chairman and co-founder of the Committee on Taxes, Resources and Economic Development, a national group of university faculty members. He had been a member of the Tax Committee of the National Association of Redevelopment Officials since 1969.

At the time of his death he was working with the State Tax Reform Commission.

Arthur Becker will be sadly missed by us, his colleagues, his family and countless others. He will be remembered with respect and affection.

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