MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FOR
PROFESSOR LEONARD HILLIS

We are saddened by the death of Professor Leonard Hillis on January 27, 1983. As one of our oldest colleagues in length of service to the University of Wisconsin, he is remembered as a quiet, articulate, modest, dignified, warm, understanding, and dependable person with a notable sense of integrity. Though reserved, he was articulate in matters of principle, objective in making decisions, and dignified in his discussions with his colleagues. Because of his modest and unassuming nature, his devotion to his academic and professional duties was not amplified or appropriately publicized.

We were privileged to have his services as our teacher of surveying for many years. Surveying was his true professional love. Professor Hillis handled all of the array of surveying-related courses that were offered early in the history of the College of Engineering. His many students were strongly influenced by his enthusiasm and efforts to stimulate professional pride in their work. He took pride in imprinting the value of precision and neatness on his students.

Professor Hillis started his years of service in the University of Wisconsin system in Madison when he was an instructor of surveying in the Civil Engineering Department from 1929 to 1938, assistant professor of Civil Engineering at the Extension to 1944, associate professor in Extension to 1957 when he became full professor in the Extension Division. During the late years of World War II and those after, he was director of the engineering correspondence courses associated with the World Wide programs offered by The United States Armed Forces Institute. He then moved to Milwaukee in 1957 to join the Engineering Division of the Madison Campus before it became an independent
College of Engineering.

His contributions to the College of Engineering and Applied Science at UWM were significant since he was one of the original faculty members active at its inception and during its formative years. He was a voice of calmness and reason in departmental affairs and served as a model of professionalism to the new younger faculty. Leonard and his wife Eunice could always be depended upon to support the activities of the College.

Professor Hillis was well liked and respected in the professional engineering community. He was an active member in professional organizations—particularly at the local level in ESM, WSPE, ASCE, Technical Club of Madison and others. He was also a registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor in Wisconsin. His academic and professional achievements were recognized by memberships in the Engineering honor societies Tau Beta Pi and Chi Epsilon and by his life membership in ASCE.

One of Professor Hillis' great pleasures and personal rewards associated with his teaching was the summer surveying camp. He was extremely fond of the student relationships that developed in the outdoor environment he so deeply appreciated. He considered that opportunity to be one of the blessings of his long teaching career.

Professor Hillis was sorely missed both personally and professionally when he retired at the age of 68. The feelings of loss are now repeated again with the final retirement at the age of 78.

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