Memorial Resolution of the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee
On the Death of Professor Emeritus Mariele Schirmer

Mariele Rosalie Schirmer, Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin--
Milwaukee, was born on December 22, 1889, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduating
from West Division High School, she studied at Milwaukee Downer College, where she
received her B.A. degree in June, 1910. In 1910-1911 she was in Madison and wrote
her Master's Thesis on the subject: The Technique of German Drama from Gryphius
to Lessing.

From 1913 to 1914 she served as a teacher of German and French at the Luther L.
Wright High School in Iron Wood, Michigan. From 1914 to 1918 she taught the same
subjects at the Milwaukee Downer Seminary.

In 1918 she began her long teaching career at the Milwaukee Normal School, later
called Milwaukee State Teachers College and now the University of Wisconsin--
Milwaukee. She interrupted her teaching only in the year 1927, when she went back
to Madison, from where she returned to Milwaukee in 1929 with her Doctor's degree.
Her thesis dealt with American Criticism of Modern German Drama. She also held a
diploma in Speech and Drama from the Wisconsin College of Music.

Practically every summer Professor Schirmer attended the summer session in Madison
in order to study the most recent developments in her fields and in methods of
teaching.

The central interest of Professor Schirmer's life, however, was the drama. The
drama was the first, last and highest thing she wanted to become alive to her
students. For many years she trained and directed her students to present annual
French and German plays. As a result of her work she published an article on the
role of the drama in classroom instruction. Recently she was elected by the
School of Professional Arts in Milwaukee to lecture on the Modern Drama.

Professor Schirmer was known to practically every language teacher in the State of
Wisconsin through her long tenure from 1927-58 of the office of secretary of the
Wisconsin Association of Modern Foreign Language Teachers. There was no meeting
at which she did not report faithfully and in detail on the activities of the
association in the preceding year. The result of this work was a pamphlet
entitled "The History of the Wisconsin Association of Modern Foreign Language
Teachers."

After retirement Professor Schirmer did not cease studying in her field—she
faithfully, almost to her last day, came to the University to take courses with
some of her younger colleagues.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:
Albert Kruse, Chairman
Clarence Olson
Mary-Virginia Rodigan
Ortha L. Wilner