Memorial Resolution for Associate Professor Barbara Bixby

The death of Barbara Bixby on October 8, 1963 left her friends and colleagues with a deep sense of loss. In the seventeen years she had been associated with the University and the former Wisconsin State College, she had earned recognition and respect both within the University and the community.

Barbara Bixby was born in Superior, Wisconsin, December 5, 1912. Her early years were spent in South Haven, Michigan. In 1930 she came to Milwaukee to live with her aunt, Miss Florence Bixby, chairman of the Mathematics Department at Riverside High School, while attending Milwaukee State Teachers College. Following graduation in 1934, she taught in the kindergarten program of the Wauwatosa public schools. Her Master's Degree was received from Northwestern University in 1941. In 1946, Miss Bixby joined the staff of the Campus Elementary School and the Faculty of this institution. The rank of Associate Professor was attained in 1961.

During her tenure with the Campus Elementary School and the University, Miss Bixby provided leadership to Xi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an honorary professional education organization, serving as Vice President in 1956-57. She was also active in the Association for Childhood Education, serving as Secretary of the state organization and Vice President of the county branch. For many years she served as advisor to the Campus student chapter of this organization. She was frequently called upon as speaker and active participant for professional organizations throughout the state.

Throughout the years, Barbara Bixby gave unstintingly of her time, efforts, and talents providing leadership and guidance to children, parents and student teachers. Her sincerity of purpose, concern for the welfare of children and students, and proficiency in the field of early childhood education contributed to her outstanding reputation. The warmth and understanding Miss Bixby was able to give to young children enabled her to skillfully promote creative responses from them.

Throughout her personal and professional life, Barbara Bixby was the embodiment of the finest qualities attributed to the term teacher. To the multitude of teachers and students who had the privilege of working with her or observing her teaching, as well as to the hundreds of children and parents with whom she came in contact, Miss Bixby will long be remembered as an inspirational force in their lives, and as having a significant part in their education.

To her aunt, Miss Florence Bixby, the members of this Faculty extend their deepest sympathy, and their appreciation of the outstanding contribution Barbara Bixby made to the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

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