MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS DAVID A. STUIBER

David A. Stuiber, professor emeritus of the Department of Food Science died September 16, 2003 in Madison, Wisconsin. Professor Stuiber was born on February 11, 1934 in Kaukana, Wisconsin. He attended high school in Kaukana and entered the US Army in 1951 and served until 1953, completing his GED requirements while in the service. He entered UW Stevens Point in 1953 and graduated in 1958 with a BS in chemistry. He worked as a brine chemist for the West End Chemical Company in California before taking a job as a chemist in the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison while attending graduate school. He completed requirements for a masters degree in biochemistry and a PhD in food science working with Professor John Garver and Professor Clyde Amundson.

Professor Stuiber accepted an appointment as assistant professor in the Food Science Department in 1969 and served in the department as a cooperative extension specialist until his retirement in 1994. His primary responsibility was for the fish processors of Wisconsin. He served as an outreach specialist for the Wisconsin Sea Grant Advisory service and as coordinator for the Seafood Technology Subprogram at Wisconsin Sea Grant.

During this time he was a principle participant in Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission projects, initially with the development of commercial processing equipment and strategies for the processing of wild rice and later in the processing of underutilized species of fish. He took the lead in developing a commercialized process liquefying fish and fish processing waste so it could be used as a garden fertilizer. He investigated the commercial potential for newly introduced Great Lakes salmon and participated in policy development regarding salmon in the Great Lakes. Dave was an active participant in the Department of Food Science research program and was a frequent collaborator on seafood research projects with his colleagues. He helped many small processors apply new technologies to fish and fish products. This includes the development for Hazard Analysis-Critical Control Point (HACCP) strategies to insure food safety.

He simultaneously was an active teacher in local, national and international programs. He was also a frequent contributor to the resident instruction program in fermentation and biochemical aspects of food. He was always willing to take on a teaching assignment. He worked extensively with local media with presentations and responses to questions regarding food science and the application of food technology.

Dave enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid golfer as well as a hunter and fisherman. He loved music and was an accomplished woodworker.

Professor Stuiber married Mary Dahnke on November 25, 1961 and is survived by Mary, his daughter Heidi Holmes and her husband Larry of Oxnard, California and his son Hans Stuiber and his wife Laura of Madison. He is further survived by grandchildren Bailey Holmes, Anna Stuiber and Wolfgang Stuiber.

He is and will be missed by his family and by those who worked with him. His consistent good humor, energy and the care he took communicating with his client groups are a credit to his career and to the university.

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