

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOSEPH BENFORADO

Joseph Benforado was professor of medicine (CHS) at the University of Wisconsin Medical School at the time of his retirement. He graduated from the State College of Medicine at Syracuse New York in 1951. He was an intern at the Boston City Hospital, 1951-52. He was a Milton research fellow in pharmacology at the Harvard University and a fellow in the Department of Pharmacology at Oxford, England. He served in the 132nd Infantry Regiment at the end of WWII in the Philippines.

He was a member of the faculty at the Harvard University, and The State University of New York at Buffalo. He came to the University of Wisconsin in 1967 where he was promoted to professor of medicine (CHS) in 1976 and clinical professor of continuing medical education in 1980, and was granted faculty status in 1985. He was the medical director of the Employee Health Service for the University Hospitals and Clinics 1981-1982. He also served in the Student Health Service where he is remembered for his admonitions against experimental drug use. He was a talk-show advisor on a public radio program answering health-related questions.

He was a delegate to the US Pharmacopoeia. He chaired the Wisconsin Controlled Substances Board 1970-76 and the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse 1970-76. He was on the Drug Abuse Task Force at the White House Conference on Children and Youth in 1971. His active interest in pharmacology is expressed in numerous papers, abstracts, book chapters and audio-visual recordings.

His contribution to the community is best seen in his four years as medical director of the alcohol detoxification center, called REBOS (Sober in reverse) where he worked in the years 1975-1979. He was also the founding chair of the Tellurian Community, Inc., a drug treatment facility in 1975.

His honors include the Trustees Award from Dane County Medical Society Board in 1980, and membership in the national medical honor society Alpha Omega Alpha. He was an American Chemical Society tour speaker in 1972 and 1981.

Joe Benforado loved a lot--people, books, music, and the world of nature. He loved making people happy, cooking and entertaining. He enjoyed the out-of-doors and was known to offer coffee and rolls to cross-country skiers along the trail in the Arboretum. One son recalls him spending Christmas morning shaking hands and spending time with each of the patients in the alcohol treatment center. He welcomed his six children home for vacations and made them feel like kings.

He died October 30, 2002 at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife of many years, Sally Benforado, six children, and six grandchildren. He is loved and remembered by relatives, friends, colleagues and former students around the world.

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