

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS JAMES B. BOWER

Professor Emeritus James B. Bower passed away peacefully with his family at his side on January 21, 2006 in his home in Madison, Wisconsin. Professor Bower earned his bachelor's degree in education at the University of Wisconsin in Whitewater. Jim taught high school for one year and then served three years in the army during World War II. He subsequently received his Ph. D. from the University of Texas in Austin.

Professor Bower then joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and for the next 41 years was an outstanding educator and teacher. Jim served the university with distinction, including work as the chairman of the accounting and information systems department and as director of the Program in Health Care Fiscal Management. Professor Bower served on many university committees and was particularly proud of his work on the Athletic Board where he helped to lead an increase in facility growth and participation in intramural programs. He also supported Wisconsin inter-collegiate athletics and worked to make the policies of the Athletic Department reflect the educational values of the university.

Professor Bower was a member of the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants and served on the Wisconsin Accounting Examining Board for 13 years. He was a long time leader and educator for the CUNA School. He was also on the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and served on its board of directors.

In his retirement, Jim was committed to public service, including active participation in the Rotary Club, and service as treasurer of Luther Memorial Church. He volunteered for many community organizations, and his 30 years service on the board of directors of the University of Wisconsin Credit Union was particularly meaningful to him.

Despite Jim's many accomplishments, he was a humble man. He touched many lives as a mentor, a friend, and a teacher. He was a role model for many. The people he knew and the relationships he developed were important to him. Jim was a kind, honest, gracious and intelligent man who had a strong work ethic and a great sense of humor. Former students of the accounting and information systems department and School of Business, now established and successful in their own right, upon return visits to Madison regularly express their affection and gratitude for their educational experience with Professor Bower.

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