

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

**ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS WILSON B. THIEDE**

Adult education and university outreach lost a passionate administrator, practitioner and scholar with the passing of Wilson B. Thiede on May 19, 2007. He earned his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1941 to 1945. From 1946 onward, with the exception of a brief period when he was an administrator at Louisiana State University, Wilson has always been associated with the University of Wisconsin. He served as a counselor in the University Counseling Center, director of admissions, director of Correspondence Study and recorder of the University Extension Division, director of Field Services, chairman of the Education Department in University Extension and professor in the School of Education and Extension, chairman of the UW-Madison Department of Continuing and Adult Vocational Education, associate dean of the School of Education and provost for outreach in the University of Wisconsin System.

His special teaching field was curriculum development, evaluation and research design. He chaired the editorial boards of two journals, the *Journal of Educational Research* and the *Journal of Experimental Education*. He served as chairman of the Commission of the Professors of Adult Education of the United States, president of the Adult Education Association of the United States and as a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Public School Adult Educators. He was on the Wisconsin Free Library Commission and was a member, treasurer and vice president of the board of curators of the Wisconsin Historical Society and a member and treasurer of the board of the Friends of the Wisconsin Historical Society. He served as a program evaluation consultant to a number of organizations including the American Library Association, the National Federation of Settlement Houses and Neighborhood Centers, the American Baptist Assembly, and was an evaluator for the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. He chaired a wide variety of university committees. While at the university, he was active in the community, serving on the Madison Common Council, on the board of the United Way and as a member of the board of directors of the University YMCA and as chairman of the board. He was president of the UW-Madison chapter of the AAUP. He was a member of the Bascom Hill Society, the Badger Gridiron Club and the Shamrock Club. After retiring, he served with distinction on committees of the Wisconsin Retired Educators at a critical time in its history. He volunteered at University Hospital for many years. He read widely and maintained an interest in politics and history. In his memory the Wilson B. Thiede Scholarship Fund was established in the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He is sorely missed by his faculty colleagues, his students, family and friends.

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