

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOHN D. STRASMA

John D. Strasma, professor emeritus in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics and the Department of Economics, passed away on Friday, July 13, 2007. John joined the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in 1966. Prior to that time he had held professional positions with Ministry of Finance in Peru, the United Nations Institute in Senegal, the United Nations Secretariat in New York, the University of Chile in Santiago, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

John was born in Kankakee, Illinois, on March 29, 1932. He graduated from DePauw University in 1953 with majors in economics and business. His employment as an industrial engineer by Proctor and Gamble in St. Louis was interrupted by a period of service in the U.S. Army. He then completed a Ph.D. in economics at Harvard University which included a Fulbright scholarship in Chile. Later he returned to the University of Chile where he helped initiate its graduate program in agricultural economics and began work on questions of land tenure reform with the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations.

After joining the Wisconsin faculty, John contributed in many ways to the international education programs of the university. He taught generations of students the intricacies of public finance in developing countries. He was the chief of party of the university's Land Tenure Center's programs in Chile for four years (1966-1969).

John advised governments around the world on issues of land reform, taxation, public finance, and international trade. In 1996 John received a special commendation from the U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua for his work in resolving property disputes and compensation, helping the highly polarized country to reunite. In 1999, he received the McCain/Fulbright Distinguished Faculty Chair in Property Systems at the Centre of Property Studies, University of New Brunswick. In Wisconsin, John was active in environmental issues and mining legislation questions, providing valuable assistance to the state legislature as it revised Wisconsin's mining laws.

In retirement, John continued to consult actively with governments around the world on issues of taxation and agricultural development. John is survived by his wife, Anne; his children Mary, Kenneth, Susan, Patricia and Elizabeth; and his grandchildren Matthew, Robin, Peter, Julie, Chrissy, Andy, Davy, Sohrab, Simin and Saeid.

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