

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOHN THOMAS MEDLER

John Thomas Medler, professor emeritus of the Department of Entomology, passed away July 4, 2006 at the age of 92. Professor Medler was born in New Mexico in 1914 and graduated from New Mexico State University with a BS in 1936. He went on to a master's degree at New Mexico before taking a PhD at the University of Minnesota in 1940. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1945. Professor Medler joined the Department of Entomology in 1946 and was promoted to associate professor in 1951 and to the rank of full professor in 1962. Professor Medler's area of entomological study was eclectic and focused on such widely varying topics as dispersal of aphids and moths, the biology of wild bees, wasps, bumblebees, the taxonomy of the Hemiptera and the taxonomy of Nigerian insects. This last area was one of central interest to Professor Medler as he was on leave in Nigeria from 1968 to 1975 and from 1976 to 1977. He helped establish a university in Nigeria and was instrumental in mentoring a number of entomologists at that institution. He published over 130 articles excluding the Nigerian publications and served as a mentor for 12 MS degree and 9 PhD students at the UW. While at the UW Professor Medler served as chair of the editorial board of the Entomological Society of America. He retired from the UW-Madison in 1977 and moved to Honolulu, Hawaii where he was associated with the Bishop Museum until his death in 2006.

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