

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

**ON THE DEATH OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR EMERITUS LEROY BROWN**

Leroy Brown was a member of the Department of Anatomy faculty from 1975 to 1982. He was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on August 8, 1922, and died on October 20, 2004.

Dr. Brown served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was injured by shrapnel when the Allies were driving up the boot of Italy. This left him with a severe postural handicap that he did not have corrected until late in his life. Nevertheless, he pursued an education following the war and received a degree in agricultural technology from the State University of New York in 1949 and a BA and MA in biology from UCLA in 1954 and 1957. He taught at a high school and then at a junior college before he pursued a PhD at Stanford University, which he completed in 1970. He served as an assistant professor in the Department of Anatomy at New York University in Stony Brook from 1970 to 1975. While there he published several papers on motor pathways in the rat brain.

Dr. Brown came to Wisconsin in 1975 to teach in the anatomy department and to help in the organization and administration of the minority program in the Medical School. He also continued his work on the fine structure of the mammalian spinal cord. His teaching duties were in human gross anatomy where he had daily contact with the medical students during the fall semesters. He was a cheerful, pleasant person and, although his primary training was in neuroanatomy, he willingly put forth his best efforts into the gross anatomy course. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 1977.

Leroy served on many committees including most of the committees related to minority affairs in the Medical School. He served as a role model, particularly for minority medical students, and was always available to them and to other students. His tenure at Wisconsin was fairly brief when he decided to retire in 1982. He was very proud to receive emeritus status upon retiring. He ended his career in California as a visiting scientist in the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program at the Charles R. Drew Post-graduate Medical School in Los Angeles, California.

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