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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS DANIEL M. BENJAMIN

Dan Benjamin taught and researched forest entomology at UW-Madison for 30 years. He had numerous accomplishments in both the basic and applied aspects of his science. He generated many advances on insect life histories and their interactions with host plants at a time when Wisconsin was just beginning reforestation efforts to recover the landscape from decades of clear-cutting and slash-and-burn practices. He extended this knowledge to developing nations in Africa and Asia, and was the first American forest entomologist invited to lecture in Mainland China at a time when that society was largely closed to westerners. Dan was an inspiring teacher to undergraduates, and mentored over 40 graduate students. His students went on to become a “Who’s Who” of forest entomology in academia, government, and industry around the world. His record six students recognized for excellence by the Entomological Society of America is unlikely to be broken.

Dan was born in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1916. He served during World War II as a medical corpsman. Later in the war, he worked in malarial control in the Philippines. Dan was a devoted husband of over sixty years, and proud father of two children. He was an avid fly-fisherman, rod-and-reel fisherman, golfer, and bridge player. Upon his retirement in 1985, his field maps were as prized for their notations on fishing as on insect population patterns. He died in August 2005.

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