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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS DAVID DOUGHERTY GILBOE

David D. Gilboe, Ph.D., professor emeritus in the Department of Neurological Surgery, was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin in 1929 and passed away on June 18, 2008 at the age of 78 from a cerebral hemorrhage while traveling with his family in Africa. He experienced a full life as an academician and world traveler.

Dr. Gilboe received his B.A. (1951) in chemistry from Miami University of Ohio and his M.S. (1955) and Ph.D. (1958) in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin. He began his post-doctoral service at the UW in 1958 as an instructor in the departments of surgery and physiological chemistry and was promoted to assistant professor in 1961. By 1973, he reached the rank of professor and held faculty appointments with both physiology and neurological surgery for the remainder of his career.

His professional life has been highlighted by many notable achievements. The most lasting of these is his mentoring of many graduate students and his published body of research of over 70 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on brain metabolism.

His local contributions to the university include participation on the Faculty Advisory Committee, Medical School Promotions Committee, Medical School Admissions Committee and Medical School Research Committee.

His national and international presence in neuroscience was marked by 20 years of service on the editorial board of the Journal of Neurochemical Research, the editorial board of the Journal of Neurochemistry, the NIH Neurology B Study Section, and seven-year membership on the international advisory board for the International Symposium on Pharmacology of Cerebral Ischemia.

His appointments to professional organizations and societies, editorial boards and study sections in the neuroscience field are numerous. He belonged to many prominent neuroscience organizations including, but not limited to, the American Society for Neurochemistry, International Society for Neurochemistry, Society for Neuroscience and Society of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism. Additionally, he was honored as a Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation fellow in surgery.

One noteworthy honor occurred just at the start of his academic career in 1958, foreshadowing what was to be a lifelong love for research and travel. He was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to visit the University of Chile, Santiago, as a visiting professor of physiology and biophysics. This honor brought together his love for research and his love for travel. Not only did Dr. Gilboe work and travel to South America, but during his lifetime had the opportunity to spend time abroad in all seven continents.

Dr. Gilboe is survived by his wife, Lyn, and children, Andrew and Sarah. He will certainly be missed by the departments of neurological surgery and physiology for his thoughtful research, kind spirit, guidance and mentoring, and by the neuroscience community worldwide.

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