Memorial Resolution of the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison
On the Death of Professor Emeritus Jack C. Ferver

Professor Emeritus Jack Calvin Ferver, passed away on January 2, 2017. He was born on October 16, 1920, in Waterford, Ohio and grew up in Greenfield, Pennsylvania along with two sisters, Janet and Mable.

Jack Ferver's college career at Grove City College in Pennsylvania was interrupted after two years when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps' pilot training program. In 1943 he became a pilot and flew for four years. He was discharged from the Army Air Corp at the rank of Captain.

In 1948 he completed his undergraduate degree in Agricultural Education at the University of Maryland and was employed at what is now Michigan State University. He worked at MSU for 13 years, mostly as a County 4-H Club Agent, during which time he completed his master’s degree in 1952. In 1961 he earned his doctorate degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For his Ph.D. dissertation he conducted an analysis of the behavior of County Extension Directors as Coordinators of Community Development Programs.

Professor Ferver became a faculty member in the School of Education’s Department of Continuing and Vocational Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1964. In addition to his teaching, his work included developing programs for Wisconsin field offices for the Extension Division. He also played an important role in the development of the Extension’s programs in Performing Arts and Women’s Education. Additionally he advised universities and government extension programs in Taiwan and Okinawa. During his time on the faculty he served as founding President of the Wisconsin Adult Education Association, served as President of the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education, and was inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame. He retired in 1986 as Emeritus Professor.

After retiring from the University of Wisconsin he continued his writing and published three books on the religion of Humanism and Spirituality.

Jack and his wife Dorothy, who passed in 2013, had five children, Scott Skare (Elise), Stacy Skare (Teresa), Cindy Ferver (JJ), Kent Ferver, and Jack W. Ferver (Jeremy), six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life was held on January 21, 2017 at Park Hall, in Sauk City, Wisconsin

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