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REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR  
LOUISE LANDIS ARMSTRONG

The Special Committee of the General Faculty to prepare a Memorial Resolution for Louise Landis Armstrong, retired Assistant Professor, Department of Home Economics, has filed with the Secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

H. Paul Kelley, Secretary  
The General Faculty

IN MEMORIAM

LOUISE LANDIS ARMSTRONG

Louise Landis Armstrong, former Assistant Professor in the Department of Home Economics, The University of Texas at Austin, died on January 3, 1991, at the age of 89. She had retired in 1960 after 27 years of service. She is remembered as the instructor of experimental food courses that ranked among the University's most popular electives.

Born in Cassville, Missouri, on August 2, 1901, Louise Landis received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri in 1922. Prior to moving to Austin in 1925, she taught at Amarillo High School and at the University of Minnesota. She attended Columbia University in New York City during summers, receiving her Master of Arts degree in 1930. Shortly thereafter, she married Robert C. Armstrong, who served on Austin City Council in the early 1960's. Their son Bob Armstrong (now in Washington, D.C., as Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of Interior) has served as state Representative from Austin, state Land Commissioner, member of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Board, and was the Democratic gubernatorial candidate in 1984.

Dr. Margaret Eppright, Professor Emeritus and former chair of the Department of Home Economics, The University of Texas at Austin, remembers Professor Armstrong as an instructor who was intensely interested in her students and who set high standards for them. "She did a very effective job in working with young people," Dr. Eppright said. "She taught them to prepare beautiful food, and it was important to her that the service matched the quality of the food." Mrs. Margaret Spencer Brown, of Waco, (former instructor in the Department of Home Economics, The University of Texas at Austin, who worked with Professor Armstrong from 1946 to 1951) recalls that Professor Armstrong's courses were among the most popular in the University, attracting approximately 200 students each semester. She remembers Professor Armstrong as a talented teacher with great charm and a lot of creativity. "She made you want to serve good food and to serve it beautifully," she said. She notes that "Louise was before her time in preaching good nutrition." In addition to her teaching at The University of Texas, Professor Armstrong was active in Austin Heritage Society, which for many years operated the 1886 Tearoom at the Driskill Hotel.

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Professor Armstrong was preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1974 at the age of 73. Survivors include her son, Bob Armstrong, and four grandchildren: Martha Louise Armstrong, Shannon Kalila Armstrong, Robert Landis Armstrong, Jr., and William Hunter Aaker Armstrong.

This Memorial Resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professor Betty E. Haskell (Chair), Professor Kimberly Kline, and Professor Nancy P. Kwallek.

Distributed to Voting and Emeritus Members of the faculty of the Department of Human Ecology, the Dean of the College of Natural Sciences, the Executive Vice President and Provost, and the President on August 31, 1995.