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**REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
MOHAMMAD ALI JAZAYERY**

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Mohammad Ali Jazayery, professor emeritus, Persian and Middle Eastern Languages, has filed with the Secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
The General Faculty

**IN MEMORIAM
MOHAMMAD ALI JAZAYERY**

Dr. Mohammad Ali Jazayery, professor emeritus of Persian and Middle Eastern languages and cultures, passed away on November 11, 2000.

Professor Jazayery was born on May 27, 1924, in Shushtar, Iran. After receiving a BA in English from the University of Tehran and another BA in education from the Teacher's College of Iran, he taught English in a high school in Ahvaz, Iran. In 1951, he came to The University of Texas at Austin as a Fulbright scholar and received a PhD in linguistics in 1958. During the 1954-55 academic year, he worked on English and Persian textbooks at the American Council of Learned Societies in Washington, D.C., and in 1958 he returned to Iran and taught in the Department of English at the University of Tehran. In 1959, he returned to the United States and became a member of a team at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, working on compiling Persian textbooks for speakers of English. In 1962, he returned permanently to The University of Texas and started the Persian program. At the University, Professor Jazayery was first appointed in the Department of English. He was transferred to the Department of Linguistics when it was established in 1965, and in 1969 he joined the newly-established Department of Oriental and African Languages and Literatures.

Among his many services to the University, Professor Jazayery also served as chair of the Department of Oriental and African Languages and Literatures (1976-1984) and as director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (1980-1987). He retired in 1990.

Professor Jazayery made many contributions to his fields of interest, Persian language teaching and sociolinguistics. In addition, he published numerous articles in English and Persian on the subject of his lifelong interest, the work of Ahmad Kasravi. Professor Jazayery was considered as the leading authority on this important historian and social reformer.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors M. R. Ghanoonparvar (chair), Hafez Farmayan, and Ian Manners.

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