IN MEMORIAM

SALLIE BETH MOORE

Sallie Beth Moore, Professor Emeritus of Home Economics, joined the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin in 1944 and retired in 1970. Born in Shreveport, Miss Moore earned a Ph.B. in nutrition and chemistry at the University of Chicago in 1930 and an M.A. from the Institute of Child Development at the University of Minnesota in 1937. She was awarded a research fellowship at the University of Chicago and the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Scholarship at the University of Minnesota.

She was initiated into Pi Lambda Theta and Omicron Nu honorary societies, and held various offices in local, state, regional, and national organizations. She was invited to participate in the 1950 and 1960 White House Conferences on Children and Youth. She held memberships in the American Home Economics Association, the Texas Home Economics Association, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, the Austin Association for the Education of Young Children, the Southern Association on Children Under Six, the Society for Research in Child Development, the National Council on Family Relations, the Texas Council on Family Relations, the Texas Nutrition Council, the Texas Mental Health Association, and the Austin Mental Health Association.

Professor Moore was the author of numerous publications, appearing in such journals as Child Development and Texas Trends in Mental Health. She was the co-author of Teaching in the Nursery School, published by Harper and Row, and wrote chapters in several handbooks published by the Texas Education Agency. She co-authored The Directory of Nursery Schools, Child Development Laboratories, and Day Care Centers in Texas, with a grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.
Prior to obtaining her Bachelor's degree, Miss Moore served as instructor from 1920 to 1924 at Ward-Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee, where she had been a student from 1918 to 1920. In the Shreveport public schools, she taught elementary grades from 1920 to 1929. She was director of the first high school child development laboratory in the United States, in Little Rock, Arkansas, from 1932 to 1937. She was an associate professor of child development and directed a laboratory in child development at Drexel Institute of Technology from 1937 to 1944. During intervening summers, she served as a visiting faculty member in child development and parent education and as director of the preschool programs at North Texas State University and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Professor Moore was director of the U.T. Austin nursery school and Head of the Division of Child Development and Family Relationships in the Department of Home Economics for the twenty-six years that she was on the faculty at the University. The University of Texas Child and Family Laboratory - Nursery School, which was established in 1927, is widely acknowledged as an exemplary center attracting visitors from across the United States and foreign countries. Miss Moore was responsible in large part for the reputation of the Child and Family Laboratory. When the 50th anniversary of the Laboratory was held in 1977, many former students and faculty attended, as well as academic colleagues from out of town. Representative of the esteem in which Miss Moore was held, as well as the Laboratory, was the attendance at the celebration of many former families and children who attended the Laboratory over the years. The same spirit prevailed when Miss Moore died. Many parents and now-grown adults who once attended the Laboratory came to pay their respects. She was deeply loved by many.

University students, both undergraduate and graduate, called her their mentor and model. She demanded quality performance from students, an attitude evidenced by the number of former students during her tenure who now hold positions of responsibility throughout the city, state, and country in the field of Child Development and Family Relationships. Under
her tutelage, students began their participation in professional organizations; one former student is now serving as the President of the Southern Association on Children Under Six. She supervised many thesis students, whose work has added knowledge to the field. Miss Moore passed on her knowledge, caring, and commitment to countless families and individuals.

Miss Moore was a consultant for the Head Start program and for the U.T. System Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, and devoted much energy on the local, state, and national level to parent education and to child care, including that for disadvantaged and disabled children. She was co-director of staff training programs for personnel in Head Start programs from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and California. She was a consultant for the Texas State Welfare Department to help develop standards for Texas day care, for the U.S. Office of Education concerning materials for the education of deaf children, and for the Office of Economic Opportunity for early childhood centers in Texas and Louisiana. She conducted numerous workshops for professionals in early childhood development throughout her career, including the Dallas Day Care Association, the Austin Council of Churches Education Division, the National Association of Episcopal Schools, the Texas Education Agency Title I Regional Workshops, and numerous other professional organizations and universities.

She assisted many groups to organize themselves to work on behalf of children and their families. Among those benefitting from her generous guidance were the Austin Association for the Education of Young Children, and the San Antonio Association for Childhood Education, and the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children.

Professor Moore was president of the Southern Association of Children Under Six from 1966 to 1967 and received the Outstanding Educator in Child Development Award from that organization in 1968. The National Association for the Education of Young Children honored her as a pioneer in child development in 1968. The Austin Association for the
Education of Young Children established the Sallie Beth Moore Award in 1973.

Professor Moore had a deep commitment to young children and families, and worked endlessly to obtain quality education for young children. To this end, she gave unstintingly of her time and energy to help others understand, enhance, and provide quality environments for human development and relationships.

When she retired in 1970, the Department of Home Economics established the Sallie Beth Moore Scholarship Fund.

Miss Moore is survived by one sister, Mrs. Margaret Pettey of Dallas, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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This Memorial Resolution was prepared by a Special Committee consisting of Professors Catherine Cooper (Chairman), Johanna Huggans, and Phyllis Richards.