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**REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
WILLIAM J. SHEFFIELD**

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for William J. Sheffield, professor emeritus, pharmacy, has filed with the Secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
The General Faculty

**IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAM J. SHEFFIELD**

Dr. William J. Sheffield, professor emeritus of pharmacy, died on November 29, 1990. Dr. Sheffield was active in his profession and as a teacher in the College of Pharmacy. His death left a void not easily filled.

Bill Sheffield was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, on May 9, 1919. He attended the University of North Carolina, earning a BS in pharmacy in 1942. During the Second World War, he served in the air force as a bomber pilot. He maintained his reserve status in the USAF and retired as a lieutenant colonel after 22 years of service. Following active duty in the air force, he received a master's degree in pharmacy in 1949 and a PhD in 1954, both from North Carolina. He came to The University of Texas in 1952, completing his PhD after his arrival in Texas.

While at the University, Dr. Sheffield taught pharmaceuticals and rose through the ranks to become full professor. Following the sudden death of Dean Joseph Sprowls in 1970, Dr. Sheffield served as acting dean of the College of Pharmacy, a position he held until 1973 when Dr. James T. Doluisio became dean. Subsequently, he served as associate dean until his retirement in 1981. He was honored with the title professor emeritus shortly thereafter.

Dr. Sheffield, loved by students and peers, frequently served as a mentor for both. He was the grand national president of the Phi Delta Chi pharmacy fraternity, and he was instrumental in reactivating the local Lambda Chapter at The University of Texas at Austin in the mid-'50s.

He was active in many professional pharmacy associations, including the American Pharmaceutical Association, the Texas Pharmaceutical Association, and the Capitol Area Pharmaceutical Association. Dr. Sheffield was one of the founding members of the Pharmacy Generations Club, a unique organization of parents and children who both attended the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Sheffield received teaching excellence awards from The University of Texas in 1958, 1960, and 1962. He received the Pharmaceutical Foundation Alumni Centennial Fellowship Award for Teaching Excellence twice during the 1970s.

Dr. Sheffield's service activities did not end with his retirement. During this time, he was very active in Reading for the Blind. In addition, Dr. Sheffield received two of the highest awards that can be given to a Texas pharmacist—the Texas Pharmacist of the Year Award and the Texas Pharmaceutical Association Distinguished Service Award.

As was fitting, Dr. William J. Sheffield was buried in Austin with full military honors.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Alan B. Combs (chair), Jaime N. Delgado, and James W. McGinity.

Distributed to the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, the Executive Vice President and Provost, and the President on October 5, 2000. Copies are available on request from the Office of the General Faculty, FAC 22, F9500. This resolution is posted under "Memorials" at: <http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/>.