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**REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
BEATRICE F. CARRUTH**

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Beatrice F. Carruth, associate professor, nursing, has filed with the Secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
The General Faculty

**IN MEMORIAM
BEATRICE F. CARRUTH**

Dr. Beatrice F. Carruth, who retired from The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing as an associate professor in 1984, died October 9, 2001, in Austin, Texas. She was affectionately known as "Aunt Suzy" to her nieces and nephews, and as "Bea" to her many friends and colleagues. Bea was born March 12, 1917, in El Reno, Oklahoma, to Pearce and Lizzie Jo Carruth.

Bea enjoyed a varied and distinguished career in nursing. She received a master's degree in psychiatric and mental health nursing from the University of Washington (1955), and a doctorate in psychiatric nursing education from Teacher's College, Columbia University in New York City (1967). She shared her vast knowledge and skills in psychiatric nursing in such service positions as assistant chief, and subsequently chief of nursing service administration at the VA Hospital in Waco, Texas (1951-1953), and head nurse in psychiatry at the Pinel Foundation, Seattle, Washington (1954-1955). Dr. Carruth also served proudly for four years in the Army Nurse Corps (ANC) during WW II (1941-1945), and later served several years in the ANC Reserves.

In nursing education, Dr. Carruth continued her positive influence as a member of the American Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, and as first vice-president of the Texas League of Nursing (1968-1970). She served as chair of the Department of Psychiatric Nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (1956-1961), as director of the Associate Degree in Nursing programs at Odessa College (1961-1964) and Tarrant County Junior College (1967-1969), and as associate professor at The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing (1969-1984). Dr. Carruth was held in high esteem by nursing students, and she received several awards as an outstanding teacher.

Dr. Carruth's colleagues at the School of Nursing will ever be grateful to her for her dedicated service and excellence in psychiatric and mental health nursing education. She served as an outstanding role model and mentor during numerous hours of teaching and clinical supervision of nursing students in psychiatric and mental health care facilities, and she contributed positively toward quality health and nursing care of patients in these facilities.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Bonnie Rickelman (chair) and Lorraine O. Walker, and Clinical Specialist Jan T. Fox.

Distributed to the Dean of the School of Nursing, the Executive Vice President and Provost, and the President on February 19, 2002. 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/>.