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**REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR  
DONALD G. PHELPS**

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Donald G. Phelps, professor, educational administration, has filed with the secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary  
The General Faculty

**IN MEMORIAM  
DONALD G. PHELPS**

Dr. Donald G. Phelps was the W. K. Kellogg Regents Professor in the College of Education at The University of Texas at Austin. His assignment was in the Department of Educational Administration. His primary responsibilities were with the Community College Leadership Program. Don joined the faculty in 1994 after a thirty-five year career as a teacher, elementary and secondary school principal, school superintendent, community college president, and chancellor in both the Seattle and Los Angeles Community College Districts. In the Los Angeles District in particular, he was the leader of the nation's most diverse two-year college district, with an enrollment of 150,000 students. In like manner, this enrollment represented the largest number of African-American and Hispanic students of any two-year college in the nation.

Among Dr. Phelps' many honors have been leadership awards given by the National Council on Black American Affairs and the American Association of Community Colleges. In 1998, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Leadership Award from the American Association of Community Colleges. He served four years on the Men's Athletics Council at the University of Texas, before stepping up as Chair. As such, Don was the advisor to The University of Texas president on all intercollegiate athletic matters.

Dr. Phelps served in top administrative positions in federal and county governments as well. He was Director of Executive Administration for King County government where he was responsible for the management of all branches of county government in Seattle, Washington. He was a director in the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and authored the first report to the United States Congress on alcohol abuse in this nation. Of his long and extensive career in public service and education, he takes great pride in his years as President of Seattle Central Community College and Chancellor of the Seattle Community College District.

Dr. Phelps received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in education from Seattle University. He also did postgraduate work at Harvard University. He is survived by Pamela, three children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors William Moore (chair), John E. Roueche Jr., and Suanne D. Roueche.

Distributed to the dean of the College of Education, the executive vice president and provost, and the president on April 1, 2005. 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/>.