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**REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
BILLY H. AMSTEAD**

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Professor Emeritus Billy H. Amstead, Department of Mechanical Engineering, has filed with the secretary of the General Faculty the following report.



Alan W. Friedman, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council
The University of Texas at Austin
Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature

**IN MEMORIAM
BILLY H. AMSTEAD**

Billy Howard Amstead was a former faculty member of the Cockrell School of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin. A native of Austin, Billy was born to Joe Amstead and Barbara Sheppard Amstead on August 18, 1921. He completed all of his education in Austin, first attending Austin High School and then earning his bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees in Mechanical Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin.

After earning his bachelors degree, Billy served as a junior officer in the Naval Reserve until the end of World War II; he then returned to Austin to work for the Defense Research Laboratory and obtain his masters and Ph.D. His dedication to his studies and to the University led to the start of his career in 1956 as an assistant professor at UT Austin; he was promoted to professor in 1960, and, subsequently, served as Assistant Dean of the College of Engineering from 1959 to 1969. After his tenure at UT Austin ended, he was appointed President of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, from which he retired in 1974.

Billy's passion was not limited to education. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing, hunting, and bird watching. He enjoyed traveling and, in his spare time, took up guitar, violin, and watercolor painting as creative outlets. He was strongly involved in the Presbyterian community: he served as a deacon and an elder, taught Sunday school, and founded the Summit Christian Fellowship. Billy kept to his roots, remaining in Austin until his death on November 10, 2016, at the age of ninety-five.

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