REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR VENTON LEVY DOUGHTIE

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution Venton Levy Doughtie, Professor Emeritus of mechanical engineering, has filed with the Secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
The General Faculty

IN MEMORIAM VENTON LEVY DOUGHTIE

Venton Levy Doughtie Sr., professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, died in Austin, Texas, on May 23, 1987, at the age of 90. He was buried in Austin with a Masonic funeral. His wife, Norma, preceded him in death. His son, Venton Levy “Bud” Doughtie Jr., and his daughter, Darlene Doughtie, survive him.

Born in Montgomery County, Texas, in 1897, Professor Doughtie in 1919 became the fourth student to receive a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas. In 1940 he received the master of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas.

Venton L. Doughtie was a mechanical engineering student at Rice Institute (later Rice University) and taught there in 1937-1938. He then came to the University of Texas as professor of mechanical engineering where he taught machine design and other courses for twenty-nine years. He retired as professor emeritus of mechanical engineering in June 1967.

He also taught mechanical engineering courses at Johns Hopkins University and Texas Technological University.

He served in the U. S. Navy during World War I, and was coordinator of Navy pilot training and the Navy V-5 and V-7 programs at the University of Texas during World War II. He served as national chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Division of the American Society for Engineering Education, and was a member of the honor societies of Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Sigma, and Sigma Xi.

He twice served as chairman of the mechanical engineering department at the University of Texas, and he served on the University’s Faculty Building Advisory Committee.

Professor Doughtie co-authored, with Alex Vallance, the textbook “Design of Machine Members,” published in three editions by John Wiley and Sons.

Professor Doughtie, frequently referred to as “Professor D” by his students, was known as a hard and demanding taskmaster throughout his teaching career, remembering each student by name. He will be long remembered by his students, many of whom have occupied executive positions in Texas and elsewhere.

This memorial resolution was prepared by Professor Emeritus Leonardt F. Kreisle.

Distributed to the Dean of the College of Engineering, the Executive Vice President and Provost, and the President on December 7, 1999. 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/