IN MEMORIAM
JACKSON B. REID

Jackson B. Reid was born on September 18, 1921, in Honea Path, South Carolina, to Alexander Mack Reid and Ann Orr (Brock) Reid. Subsequent to graduation from The Citadel in 1942, Jack served as captain in the U.S. Army until 1947. After discharge, he resumed his education, first at Arizona State College and then at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he received his Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology in 1951. He began his career at the University of Texas as an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Psychology in 1951, with promotions to associate professor in 1955 and to professor in 1959. From 1952 to 1956, he was a research scientist for the Radiobiological Laboratory (originally the Primate Laboratory) at the University of Texas and the U.S. Air Force. He also was a consultant in Space Medicine, NASA from 1965 to 1967. Dr. Reid retired from The University of Texas at Austin in 1993 and held the position of professor emeritus until his death on January 18, 2012.

Dr. Reid’s research focused on studies of concept formation, transfer of training, and creativity. He did early research on teaching machines and computer-assisted instruction. His scholarly interests also included the psychology of learning, educational and psychological measurement, and adolescent development. Jack Reid was a fellow of the Educational Psychology and Experimental Psychology divisions of APA (American Psychological Association). He was also a member of several other professional or honorary organizations, including the American Educational Research Association, the Interamerican Society of Psychology, the Texas Psychological Association, Phi Delta Kappa, and Psi Chi. He was a president of the Southwestern Psychological Association.

In addition to his teaching and research, Dr. Reid held numerous administrative positions throughout his career at the University. He was chair (1973-84) and graduate advisor (1961-68) in the Department of Educational Psychology and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies in the College of Education (1965-73). He was UT Austin’s coordinator for the U.S. Department of Education’s Professional Development Act programs (1969-73) and directed their Multidisciplinary Research program (1966-73). He also served as vice president of the American Psychological Association Research Service (1955-64) and the Educational Development Corporation (1964-85).

Dr. Reid was known for his gentle demeanor, warmth, generosity, and humor. During his many years as department chair, he had to deal with the limited funds available for assisting faculty, students, and staff and for conducting routine departmental events. To help alleviate funding shortages, he established the Avis and Jackson B. Reid Fund to benefit faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Educational Psychology.

Some of Dr. Reid’s work for the U.S. Air Force and NASA involved training Sam, the monkey who preceded Alan Shepard into space. When asked about the experience, though, Jack’s response was “I hated that blanket-monkey!” The animal had been, apparently, irascible and difficult to work with. Jack’s sense of humor and unfailing optimism were much appreciated by his colleagues, members of the staff, and students. He liked his old Buick convertible so much that, after he sold it, he bought it back. He liked to joke that he owned three cars so that he could keep two running.
Dr. Reid was predeceased in 2008 by his beloved wife of sixty-one years, Avis Reid. He is survived by his son, Jules Long, of Virginia; daughter, Barbara Youngberg, and son-in-law, Robert Youngberg, of Austin; nephews, Mack Harrison, of South Carolina, and David Harrison, of Washington State; sister-in-law, Betty Lindsey, Ph.D., of New York City; four grandchildren, Nathanael Long, of Paris, France, Teresa Hvizdos, of Driftwood, Geneva Grant, of Virginia, and Claes Youngberg, of Virginia; six great-grandchildren, Jackson Hvizdos, Annalea Hvizdos, Samuel Hvizdos, Christine Grace Hvizdos, Jacob Grant, and Abigail Grant. For many years, Jack was assisted in daily activities by his caregiver and friend, Arnold Ugarte.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Edmund T. Emmer (chair), Ricardo Ainslie, and Cindy L. Carlson.

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