

Proposition: 32-16/17

Title: A memorial in Honor of Dr. Dennis “Doc” Hallford

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Proposed Committee: We request this be heard as Emergency Legislation

Assigned Committee:

Prior Approvals:

Proposal:

Our distinguished Colleague, Friend, Mentor and Educator, Dr. Dennis “Doc” Hallford, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016 after a lengthy illness. He was born February 11, 1948 in Abilene, Texas. He was a graduate of Abilene Cooper High School and Tarleton State University (Stephenville, TX.), where he earned his B.S. degree in General Agriculture. After teaching one year at Tarleton, he married his college sweetheart, Marilyn Williams, and earned his Masters and PhD in animal science at Oklahoma State University. In 1975, he embarked on an illustrious career at New Mexico State University in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences. He retired in June 2016 after 41 years of teaching, research, and service at NMSU. He served as supervisor of the West Sheep Unit and the Endocrinology Lab, was chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee for 25 years and was member and chair of the Radiation Safety Committee for 32 years, as well as of numerous departmental, college, university, and professional committees. Dr. Hallford conducted his research in reproductive physiology, concentrating on sheep. His laboratory was known worldwide as the go-to spot for reproductive hormone analysis and this work is highlighted in Doc’s list of collaborators, which includes 66 PI collaborations in 32 U.S. and Mexico universities. Dr. Hallford was not only passionate about his research, but he used it as a tool to mentor and train students at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Upon his retirement in August he had trained 9 Ph.D. students and 53 M.S. students. Many of the top faculty in reproductive physiology can trace their academic lineage to Dr. Hallford, showing the tremendous impact he made on the discipline of reproductive physiology. He was author or co-author of over 600 refereed journal articles, proceedings papers and abstracts on endocrine influences on reproductive functions in domestic animals, particularly sheep. Among his numerous honors were being named "Regents Professor" and "Distinguished Achievement Professor". He received the NMSU Cardinal Key Honor

Society's "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" in only his second year at the university. Other recognitions include College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences Distinguished Teaching, Distinguished Research and Distinguished Service awards, Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, Robert L. Westhafer Award for Excellence in Teaching, Donald C. Roush Award for Excellence in Teaching, Gamma Sigma Delta's Distinguished Graduate Teaching Advisement Award, Western Section, American Society of Animal Science (WSASAS) Distinguished Teaching Award and WSASAS Service Award. He was also awarded both the NMSU University Research Council's Outstanding Researcher honor and the Award for Exceptional Achievement in Creative Scholarly Activity. Doc was named Outstanding Alumni of the College of Agriculture at Tarleton State University and the Oklahoma State University Department of Animal Sciences "Advanced Degree Graduate of Distinction". He served as faculty advisor of the Aggie Rodeo Association, Block and Bridle Club, Animal and Range Sciences Graduate Student Association and Pre-Vet Club. Students named him "Outstanding Club Advisor", while NM Wool Growers presented him with their Amigo Award and the NMSU Environmental Health and Safety Office their "Friend of Safety" award. Dr. Hallford was also named one of Top 20 Animal Science professors in the country and Who's Who Among American Teachers.. He was a member of the American Society of Animal Science, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Gamma Sigma Delta, Honor Society of Agriculture. To say that Doc will be missed by many is an understatement. A scholarship has been funded at NMSU to support graduate student training and travel. It is the "Dr. Dennis (Doc) and Marilyn Hallford Endowed Fund" at advancing.nmsu.edu/givenow in care of NMSU Foundation, MSC 3590, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

Rationale: