

# Resolution of the RICE ENGINEERING ALUMNI

*Whereas*

## Franz R. Brotzen 1915 – 2010

served Rice University as a professor of materials science from 1954 to 2009, as Dean of Engineering from 1962 to 1966, and as Master of Jones and Brown colleges, ending his career as the Stanley C. Moore Professor Emeritus of Materials Science; *and*

*Whereas* in his 56 years as a member of the Rice faculty, Dr. Brotzen set an example of excellence in every aspect of his profession: accomplished researcher, award-winning teacher, inspiring administrator, dedicated contributor to university governance, trusted mentor to students and faculty, and passionate supporter of student travel, scholarship and music; *and*

*Whereas* as a scholar and academic leader, Dr. Brotzen played a pivotal role in advancing Rice from a small, regional institute into a nationally recognized research university, founding the Materials Science program, vastly enriching Rice's research activity and graduate studies, and earning national and international distinction, including a Guggenheim Fellowship and the U.S. Senior Scientist Award from the Humboldt Foundation of Germany; *and*

*Whereas* for over half a century, Dr. Brotzen set an unparalleled example of service to Rice and its students, serving as Master of two colleges, long-time member of the University and Faculty Councils, Speaker of the Faculty Council, and member of innumerable university committees; and earning the George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching four times, the Piper Professor Award for Teaching, the Student Association Mentor Recognition Award, and finally the Association of Rice Alumni's Gold Medal, their highest honor;

*Therefore be it resolved that* the Rice Engineering Alumni hereby express their grateful admiration for the life and contributions of Dr. Franz Brotzen, and offer this resolution as a solemn tribute to his memory and in gratitude for his lifetime of service to Rice University and its students.

*On behalf of the REA:*

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John Waits (Mech '71, '72)  
Former member, REA Board of Directors  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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George W. Webb III (Elec '88, '91)  
REA President-Elect  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

*Presented to the family of Dr. Franz Brotzen  
Rice Memorial Chapel • June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010*