Resolution of the MU Faculty Council on the

Outstanding Service of Professor Thomas R. Marrero

The MU Faculty Council on University Policy pauses to honor the memory of Professor Thomas R. Marrero, who passed away December 2, 2015, at the age of 79, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Dr. Thomas Marrero joined the Department of Chemical Engineering in 1979, having earned his doctorate from University of Maryland. He became an Associate Professor with tenure in 1983, and awarded the rank of Professor in 1997. Over the course of his scholarly career, Professor Marrero published 35 refereed journal articles, made numerous conference presentations, and was awarded five U.S. patents and four U.S. patent disclosures. Professor Marrero was perhaps best known for his research with the NSF-funded Capsule Pipeline Research Center at MU.

Over the years, Professor Marrero served as faculty advisor for various student organizations and on numerous committees, including two terms as Faculty Council representative for the College of Engineering (2008-2014). He was a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), the world's leading organization for chemical engineering professionals. This year Dr. Marrero also received one of the inaugural Pioneers of Diversity Awards by the AIChE Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) for his dedication to MAC and for his mentorship of Hispanic chemical engineers in AIChE and in the profession.

Dr. Marrero travelled to every continent and even lived on Antarctica for nine months. He was dedicated to the success of students, especially for those traditionally underrepresented in engineering. He was also passionate about science and the success of the University of Missouri Chapter of Sigma Xi, for which he served as president (2013-2015), often supporting students and Sigma Xi from his own personal finances. And he cared deeply about the University of Missouri, never shying away from asking tough questions in his service.

Because of the foregoing, the Faculty Council hereby resolves to recognize Dr. Thomas R. Marrero for his 36 years of service to the University of Missouri and directs the Chair to provide a copy of this resolution to his children Tony, Tom, and Margie.