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To: Vancouver Senate

From: Tributes Committee

Subject: Memorial Minute

The Tributes Committee has prepared memorial minute for the following individual:

Dr. David V. Bates

Motion: The Tributes Committee moves that the Memorial Minute for Dr. David Bates be entered into the minutes of Senate and that copies of the memorial minute be sent to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sally Thorne
Chair
Senate Tributes Committee

SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

MEMORIAL MINUTE

DAVID V. BATES

Dr. David V. Bates served on Senate as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine from 1972 to 1977. He was Professor Emeritus in the Department of Medicine (Respiratory) and Department of Health Care & Epidemiology.

Dr. Bates received his medical training from Cambridge University. He was a Senior Lecturer in Medicine at St. Bartholomew Hospital and University of London. Prior to coming to UBC, Dr. Bates was a Senior Lecturer in Medicine at St. Bartholomew Hospital and the University of London, and was an Associate Dean at McGill University from 1956 to 1972.

Retired from UBC in 1987, he continued to be a very active member of the academic community. His area of expertise included occupational and environmental medicine, specializing in respiratory disease related to air pollutants. Dr. Bates was a recipient of many awards, including The Queen's Jubilee Medal in, Connaught Award (Canadian Lung Association), Trudeau Gold Medal, Ramazzini Medal, and the Order of Canada in 2003. The Environmental and Occupational Health assembly of the American Thoracic Society honoured Dr. Bates on the occasion of his 80th birthday by establishing the David Bates award. This award is given annually to a research trainee in recognition of the importance Dr. Bates placed on mentoring and support of young investigators.

Dr. Bates served on a number of boards and committees in the academic and scientific communities. He was chair of the BC Royal Commission on Uranium Mining and of the US EPA Science Advisory Board Task Force on Electromagnetic Fields. He was a member of the Board of Environmental Studies and Toxicology, National Academy of Sciences, USA and the Science Council of Canada.

Dr. Bates is survived by his children and grandchildren.