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FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Memorial Tribute to

MERRITT M. DAVIS

**Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering
University of Toronto**

October 23, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering record with sincere regret the death on July 22, 2017 of Professor Merritt M. Davis.

Professor Davis began his career as a transportation engineer when he went to work for the Ontario Department of Highways. During his time there, the Ontario highway system saw significant growth, including the opening of Highway 400 and the Burlington Skyway.

Professor Davis joined the Department of Civil Engineering in 1956 as a Transportation Engineer and spent 33 years as a key member of the Department, retiring in 1989.

Professor Davis was a devoted educator and researcher. His interests were focused on materials, pavement, and geometric design of roads and highways. In particular, he made great contributions to vehicle and highway safety. Professor Davis was also involved in the analysis of automobile accidents for civil and criminal court cases.

Predeceased by his wife Edith of 63 years (2010), his brother Gordon and sister Sadie, Merritt Davis is survived by his sister Margaret, son Glenn, daughter Joanne, granddaughters Krista, Katie, and Shannon, six great grandchildren, and extended family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this tribute to Professor Davis be inscribed in the minutes of this Council meeting and that copies be sent to his family as an expression of the respect and gratitude of the members of this Council.

