Memorial Tribute to

NEVILLE MORAY

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Be it resolved –

THAT the Council of the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering record with deep regret the death on December 15, 2017 of Professor Emeritus Neville Moray.

Neville Peter Moray, born on May 27th, 1935, one of the pillars of applied experimental and engineering psychology, died on December 15th, 2017 at the age of 82. Neville graduated from the University of Oxford, where he was a member of Worcester College, and received his Doctorate in Psychology in 1960. He spent one year at the University of Hull as a visiting Lecturer and was appointed Lecturer and then Senior Lecturer at the University of Sheffield. Upon emigrating to Canada in 1970, Neville was appointed Associate Professor and then Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Toronto. In 1974, he returned to the United Kingdom as Professor and then Head of the Department of Psychology at the University of Stirling in Scotland. In 1981, he returned to Toronto as Professor, but in the Department of Industrial Engineering. In 1988, he moved to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he held positions in the Departments of Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Psychology, and the Institute for Aviation for seven years until 1995. Neville then taught at the Université de Valenciennes et du Hainaut-Cambrésis where he lectured on applied engineering issues in French. This was followed by four years as Professor at the University of Surrey in Guilford, England until his final retirement in 2001.

This bare litany of appointments fails to capture the interpolations of Neville’s many and numerous visiting positions, as well as the international interactions from which he derived his clear interdisciplinary mastery. For example, Neville spent time at both MIT and Brandeis in the late 1960’s where he encountered researchers who were to become life-long colleagues. He taught summer school in China in the mid 1980’s and toward the end of his career, collaborated with a number of Japanese colleagues at the University of Tsukuba.
Neville was a long-time member of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES), of which he became a Fellow in 1991. Shortly after, in 1993, he achieved the status of a Certified Human Factors Professional. In 2001, Neville received the Society’s highest award, the Arnold M. Small President’s Award. He was equally active in the global, parent organization, the International Ergonomics Association (IEA) of which he was also a named Fellow. He received the Ergonomics Development Award and subsequently the President’s Award both from IEA, the latter in the year 2000. At the combined HFES/IEA Conference that year, there was a special session dedicated to Neville’s lifetime contributions. He was also a Fellow of the Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors, formerly the Ergonomics Society of Great Britain.

After his final retirement, Neville sailed his 26 foot yacht across the Atlantic Ocean.

Be it further resolved –

    THAT this tribute to Professor Emeritus Neville Moray 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.

Prepared and read by Professor Emeritus John Senders