Whereas, Harry Hilton first came to the University of Illinois in 1949 as a PhD student in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics and Instructor in Aeronautical Engineering, having earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science at New York University; and

Whereas, He retired in 1990 as a Professor of Aerospace Engineering after a distinguished academic career that included teaching and research in structural mechanics, viscoelasticity, and aerospace materials; authoring more than 450 publications in journals and conference proceedings; being a Fellow in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a Fellow in the American Society for Composites; and

Whereas, He also played a major role in the administration of his Department and Campus as Department Head of Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from 1974 to 1985; and since 1997 as Senior Academic Lead for Computational Structures/Solid Mechanics at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA); and

Whereas, Throughout his distinguished academic career he has championed the ideals of academic freedom and shared university governance in many venues including the Senate of the Urbana-Champaign Campus where he served numerous terms as a Senator and provided valuable leadership through his membership on a number of key senate committees; his serving as Chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, Honorary Degrees Committee, and an elected member of the Senate Executive Committee; and

Whereas, Harry Hilton has served the AAUP as Chapter President several times, extending from the 1960s to his most recent term beginning in 2012; now, therefore let it be

Resolved, That the UIUC Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, noting the many accomplishments of the Chapter under his leadership, hereby expresses its deepest appreciation to Harry Hilton for his enduring commitment to the ideals of academic freedom and shared university governance, for his outstanding service to the AAUP and this Chapter, and especially for his dedication and unselfish leadership as President of the UIUC Chapter of AAUP from June 2012 through June 2019.

-- Adopted by Acclamation at the Annual Meeting on April 25, 2019