RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF JAMES ROBINSON BAILEY. Mr. E. P. Schoch, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed by President Rainey, May 13, 1941 (Minutes, 1954) presented the following resolutions on the death of James Robinson Bailey.

The death of Dr. J. R. Bailey, Professor of Organic Chemistry, on March 25, 1941, came as a profound shock to his many friends.

James Robinson Bailey was born at Houston, Texas, on December 11, 1868. After attending Phillips Exeter Academy, he entered the University of Texas, obtaining the BA degree in 1891. In 1894 he went to Munich to work in Adolf von Baeyer's laboratory under Professor Johannes Thiele; he was awarded the Ph.D. degree in 1897.

He held all possible teaching positions in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Texas, being made professor in 1911. When the Graduate Faculty was organized, he was among the first chosen. In 1932-33, he served the University as Research Lecturer, the highest honor that the University can bestow upon a member of its faculty. He retired to modified service in 1939-40.

His chief interest in life was his research. His three score and ten articles (and patents) attest to the zeal and enthusiasm with which he worked. He was a painstaking worker, careful always to be absolutely sure that his results were correct. He carried into his research the keen, searching insight of the scholar. His intimate knowledge of the literature of organic chemistry, plus his extremely varied experience, made his quest for knowledge a joy to behold. He worked with the skill of a master craftsman, turning out a beautiful complete piece of work.

It is impossible at this time to enumerate the various lines of investigation that Dr. Bailey carried on during his fifty years of research activity. During the First World War, he worked out the synthesis of novocaine and this work led to the first manufacture of this important drug in the United States. His principal field of investigation concerned nitrogen compounds. More recently he worked on the nitrogen bases from petroleum, a project which he carried on with an award from the American Petroleum Institute (API Research Project No. 20). A list of his publications is given below.

For many years Dr. Bailey was a member of the American Chemical Society. One of his advocations consisted of securing members for the Society from among the graduate students. He even established a loan fund from which students could borrow to pay their membership dues. For about eight years he served as Associate Editor of the Journal of the American Chemical Society. He was also a member of the Texas Academy of Sciences and of Sigma Xi.

As a man, he was held in high esteem by his colleagues, students and friends. His friendly interest in the welfare and progress of his graduate students, before and after graduation, created an intense loyalty to himself; these students were proud to be known as the "Bailey Clan" and they demonstrated their loyalty to him in many ways.

On December 18, 1907, Dr. Bailey married Mrs. Rosine Mayo Parks. This happy marriage was terminated untimely by the passing of his wife on September 15, 1915. On December 31, 1923, he married Mrs. Anna Throckmorton Shirley; the loving care she bestowed on him brightened these years of his life and enabled him to work -with undiminished zeal.

Dr. Bailey was devoted not only to the members of his own family but also to his wife's daughter, Lucile Shirley (Mrs. D. H. Hart), and to the latter's daughter, Miss Anna Shirley Hart. Of his own family, two brothers, Jesse and Frank, and a sister, Mrs. H. L Dailey, survived him. To all these the faculty, of the University of Texas wishes to extend their sympathy in their bereavement.

In the passing of Dr. Bailey, the faculty of the University of Texas has lost an outstanding man, a faithful coworker, a devoted scientist, a friend of the students, and a man noted for his unselfishness and for his high-mindedness. The many years of personal association with him which many of us have enjoyed has
endeared him to us, and his memory will be cherished by us throughout the years of our lives, — while his work and its impression upon this state will endure far into the future.

Special Committee on Memorial Resolutions
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A list of publications by J. R. Bailey is on file in the Office of the General Faculty. Document can be found in the Minutes with Index of the General Faculty, The University of Texas, Oct. 1941 through May 1942, pages 2045-2048.