



"Serving Western Legislatures"

Resolution: 13-05

Resolution in Memoriam Alan Rosenthal

- WHEREAS,** Dr. Alan Rosenthal was a professor of public policy and political science at the Eagleton Institute of Politics and the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy of Rutgers University, serving as director of the Eagleton Institute from 1974 to 1994; and
- WHEREAS,** after completing his undergraduate studies at Harvard University, Alan Rosenthal joined the Army and was stationed in West Germany during the early years of the Cold War before returning home and earning a doctorate from Princeton University; and
- WHEREAS,** Alan Rosenthal exhibited an unwavering belief in the virtues of representative democracy and the fundamental role of state legislatures and devoted his career to their study and improvement; and
- WHEREAS,** Alan Rosenthal wrote or edited 19 books and collaborated with The Council of State Governments and other national organizations to advance understanding and promote the exchange of information and ideas; and
- WHEREAS,** Alan Rosenthal supervised comprehensive studies of legislative organizations and procedures commissioned by the legislatures of Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Mississippi and Wisconsin and worked with legislatures in 30 other states; and
- WHEREAS,** Alan Rosenthal was known for approaching his subject with pragmatism and an irreverent wit; and
- WHEREAS,** while Alan Rosenthal took his work very seriously, he also enjoyed more whimsical pursuits, even working as a guest clown for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus; and
- WHEREAS,** by conducting much of his work outside of the walls of academia, Alan Rosenthal not only brought scholarship to the practice of state government, but the practice of state government to scholarship; and
- WHEREAS,** on July 10, 2013, Alan Rosenthal passed away at the age of 81; and
- WHEREAS,** the members and staff of CSG-*WEST* and alumni of the Western Legislative Academy came to know and deeply admire Alan Rosenthal and will genuinely miss him; and
- WHEREAS,** Alan Rosenthal is survived by his wife, Lynda Kresge; his children John, Tony, Kai, Lisa and Nicholas; and eight grandchildren; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that CSG-*WEST* acknowledges the extensive contributions that Dr. Alan Rosenthal brought to the study and practice of state government; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that CSG-*WEST* mourns the passing of Dr. Alan Rosenthal and does hereby express its deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lynda Kresge and the rest of Alan's family.

Adopted this 2nd Day of August, 2013 at the 66th CSG-*WEST* Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV