

Passing of Professor Jack E. Cermak on August 21, 2012

It is with great sorrow that we have heard the sad news of the passing of Professor Jack E. Cermak. His passing is indeed a great loss to our wind engineering community. He would have been 90 years old in the next month.

I tender our deepest condolences on this sad event to his family and all of the people who knew him. It is difficult to find the words to express my feelings to them when I myself am feeling such deep grief.

Professor Jack E. Cermak first defined the term “Wind Engineering” in 1975 as follows: *Wind Engineering is best defined as the rational treatment of the interactions between wind in the atmospheric boundary layer and man and his works on the surface of earth.* He is the father of Wind Engineering.

On behalf of the members of IAWE, I would like to extend our highest praise and warmest thanks to Professor Jack E. Cermak for his great achievements and contributions to our society.

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