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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Following are comments shared by President Richard F. Wilson to members of the Illinois Wesleyan community on the death early Sunday morning, April 15, of former President Robert S. Eckley.

“It is with great sadness that I report the death of IWU's 15th president, Robert S. Eckley, who died at his Bloomington home early Sunday morning. Bob's contributions to Illinois Wesleyan are both broad and deep, but I know his proudest achievements revolved around strengthening the faculty and making profound improvements in the University's financial position. His 18-year tenure as president, from 1968 to 1986, was matched only by his continuing loyalty and support to the University. We all shall miss him as a colleague; I shall miss him as a mentor and friend. Please join me in expressing sincere condolences to Nell Eckley and all their family members.”

Plans for his memorial service will be announced on the Illinois Wesleyan website later today.

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