RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

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Dr. William Murphy, Professor Emeriti of Plant and Soil Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, passed away on June 29, 2019.

Dr. Murphy taught and conducted research and outreach in Plant and Soil Science at UVM from 1979 to 2003. He taught a wide range of courses with a very holistic and ecological approach to agricultural science and practices.

He studied and introduced to the United States a type of intensive rotational grazing management that both improved farm profitability and land stewardship. He was instrumental in his efforts to scientifically study grazing, beginning with single animals in small paddocks and working eventually with whole herds. Through research, his book *Greener Pastures on Your Side of the Fence*, and outreach efforts in Vermont and in other states, he was able to help farmers with many details of grazing. His work is still the foundation of grazing methods practiced by pasture-based farms today. This has particularly been critical for our growing organic dairy sector of the industry.

His leadership in research and education was and it still truly important. His influence lives on through the efforts of former graduate and undergraduate students here and abroad and in the lives and practices of many farmers who have discovered the benefits of intensively managed rotational grazing.

We offer our deepest sympathies to his wife Lita; his daughters, Michelle Murphy-Ertle and Nicole Murphy; his son-in-law Steve Ertle; and grandchildren, Ciara, Nathan Ertle and Tristin Houston.