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Dr. Robert W. Hanson
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The officers and Board of Directors of the Iowa Academy of Science dedicate this fall issue of the *Proceedings* to you, Dr. Hanson, on the eve of your retirement as executive director after an unprecedented sixteen consecutive years of extraordinary service and dedication. The Academy has been extremely fortunate in having your talents for an era in Academy history that began during the first century of its existence and extended into the second. During this period, your leadership, managerial expertise, and devotion to excellence touched every part of the Academy, making it one of the finest state academies in the nation, a model for success. You have literally used your professional vocation as a chemist to combine your personal attributes of determination, foresight, hard work, and creativity to stimulate the membership to new heights in its quest for improving science and science instruction in Iowa. Your many accomplishments on behalf of the Academy during these past sixteen years are too numerous to list and can be found in the annual and committee reports, newsletters, and other Academy publications, especially Iowa's Natural Heritage. Those members who worked with you in various capacities during this time and those who had more casual contacts through the annual meetings or publications will affirm that you always had the best interest of the Academy in mind and worked solely toward that end. The Academy can be proud of its present stature and enviable position within Iowa and across the nation because of you. However, it must not be complacent, as one of your greatest gifts to the Academy is the attitude that excellence only exists as long as its members continue to provide those necessary ingredients that insure for quality, service, and growth. The Academy salutes you, Dr. Hanson, and wishes you well as you move into new areas of involvement.