John Reed, you have excelled as a teacher, researcher, and as an administrator in ecology, its programs, and its institutions. Your efforts have helped to bring about a better understanding of ecology and environment. Many of us have been privileged to be guided by your ideas and example.

Your service to the Society has been long and valuable. As Secretary from 1954 to 1957, you not only kept the records but also edited and published the Bulletin of the Society as well. In those days, the Secretary was indeed a “Man For All Seasons,” the person who kept the Society viable whether from a living room in west Laramie or from the Dean’s office in New Hampshire. For a number of years, you served as a member of the Society’s Ecology Study Committee and became its Chairman in 1963. This committee had much to do with the coming of age of ecology in America. From 1963 to 1964, you were the President of this Society and led it ably. You may well have been the only President to present two presidential addresses: that of H. J. Oosting in 1959 and your own in 1965!

Beyond all of this, you not only kept at your teaching and research in ecology but served as a university administrator: Dean of the Graduate School, Vice-President, and Acting President at the University of New Hampshire, President of Fort Lewis College, and Dean of Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay. In all of these places, you have left your unique stamp of excellence and an appreciation of ecology among your colleagues and students. You also served with distinction as an advisor and administrator at the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the National Research Council, UNESCO, and as Chairman of the U.S. National Committee for the International Biological Program.

For all of these services to ecology and to the Society, and for many others too numerous to list, the Ecological Society of America has the honor of awarding to you its Distinguished Service Citation.

Dwight Billings, for the Selection Committee
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