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### NEW PRESIDENT OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE FOR 1978

Robert E. Martin was born in Monterey, Tennessee, on July 19, 1930. He attended public schools and graduated from Monterey High School in 1948. He entered Tennessee Polytechnic Institute that year and completed a BS in Biology in 1952. He received the MS in Zoology from the University of Tennessee in 1959, and completed a PhD in Zoology and Entomology at the same institution in 1963. While a graduate student at UT, he served as a graduate assistant and a teaching assistant. From 1961 to 1963, he was a Fellow of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies working in the Ecology Section of the Health Physics Division on fish population dynamics and the uptake and accumulation of radionuclides by fish.

Martin served in the US Army in the United States and the Far East from September 1952 through August 1955. He was employed in business in Nashville for about one year prior to accepting a position as science teacher at Monterey High School for two years. Following completion of the doctorate in 1963, he joined the staff of the Biology Department at Tennessee Technological University as an Assistant Professor. The following year he was named Tech Aqua Director and assumed major responsibilities of developing the Tech Aqua Biological Station programs and facilities. An NSF grant of \$363,000 to Tennessee Tech in 1969 enabled the construction of the station and the first summer session was completed in 1970. The summer sessions at Tech Aqua through 1976 have served almost 400 students from 20 states and overseas areas. Martin was promoted to Associate Professor in 1967 and to Professor in 1973. In addition to his primary duties as Tech Aqua Director, he teaches animal ecology and biostatistics and works with graduate students.

He is a Fellow of the Academy and previously served as a regional sponsor for the Collegiate Division and as an at-large member of the Executive Committee. He is a member of the Association of Southeastern Biologists and served as a member of the Meritorious Teaching Awards Committee. He holds membership in



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the Ecological Society of America, Organization of Inland Biological Field Stations, Society of Sigma Xi, Beta Beta Beta, American Association of University Professors and TEA/NEA. He was recently elected to the Tennessee Tech Chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa.

He was married to Bettye Jane Penuel of Nashville in 1956. They have two children: Julie, a seventh grader, and Robert Jr., a fifth grader. He is a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Cookeville and serves as Director of the Married Young Adults Department.