



## ***DR. HARLYN O. HALVORSON***

### ***MEMORIAL***

With deep regret, the Falmouth Economic Development Industrial Corporation announces the passing of Harlyn O. Halvorson, Ph.D., on June 17, 2008. Dr. Halvorson had been Chairman of the EDIC's Board of Directors from 1997 to June 2007, and a member of the Board from his appointment in July 1995 until June 30, 2007.

During his lengthy tenure on the Board, Dr. Halvorson both initiated and oversaw numerous projects that have benefited the residents of the Town of Falmouth. His guidance made the Falmouth EDIC a vital component of economic development in Falmouth, fulfilling its mission of job creation, increased business and industrial investment, and expanded opportunities to own, manage, and operate commercial and industrial enterprises.

Dr. Halvorson provided insight, vision, and humor while accomplishing the purposes of the EDIC. It was during Dr. Halvorson's tenure that Falmouth Technology Park, a 106-acre park dedicated to technology related and light industrial development, saw the active development that by 2006 had led to the creation of 400 jobs.

In 2003, under Dr. Halvorson's guidance and leadership, the EDIC also purchased a twenty-acre parcel in North Falmouth which has been developed into Raymond Business and Technology Park. The Park now contains medical and professional offices, a 2,000 square foot research and development facility, and 24 units of affordable housing for families.

Harlyn also championed the development of the 704 Main Street project in which the EDIC facilitated the project's development, selling the property to the Falmouth Housing Corp. in 2002. With the EDIC's development plan and project and funding consultation, a facility was constructed that provides 58 family units of Affordable Housing and 25,000 square feet of space for community enterprise.

Most recently, Dr. Halvorson spearheaded the creation, funding, and development of the Regional Technology Development Center of Cape Cod (RTDC). Located in Woods Hole, MA, the RTDC became a separate, non-profit entity in 2006, and Dr. Halvorson became a Founding Board Member. The RTDC is a "virtual incubator" for emerging companies and assists them in becoming economically sustainable. The RTDC's goal is to stimulate the commercialization of emerging technologies while creating full-time, year-round jobs that pay a living wage. Its focus is in the fields of marine biology, ocean and environmental science, and alternative energy.

Dr. Halvorson achieved much during his lifetime and had a prestigious scientific career. Born in Minneapolis in 1925, he received his BS and MS degrees from the University of Minnesota, and his PhD from the University of Illinois. His early professional years were spent at the University of Michigan and at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. He became a pioneer in the field of microbiology, taught

at the University of Wisconsin and Brandeis University, founded and was Director of the Rosensteel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center at Brandeis, taught at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL), was the 10th Director of MBL (1987 – 1992), and later became Director Emeritus of MBL. He received much scientific recognition and many awards, was an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and served on the Board of Directors of the Biotechnology Center of Excellence of the Massachusetts Centers of Excellence Corporation.

Dr. Halvorson was also an avid golfer and sailor. He was a long-time member of the Woods Hole Golf Club and the Woods Hole Yacht Club.

All those associated with the Falmouth EDIC are grateful to Dr. Halvorson for his long-term dedication and work to increase business and job opportunities in Falmouth and to provide affordable housing for residents. We recognize that his contributions will benefit the community for years to come. We also honor Harlyn as a person and will greatly miss him. We offer our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.