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Duluth--- A check for \$1,000 and a Minnesota state flag were presented Thursday to UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland in honor of the late Minnesota Senator Gordon H. Butler Sr., Duluth.

The check was presented at the UMD Campus Club by John Butler, Duluth, son of Senator Butler and executor of his father's estate, with the money to be used as Provost Darland sees fit. Mrs. Gordon Butler, Duluth, witnessed the presentation.

The flag was presented by Mrs. John W. Miller, president of the Duluth Women's Republican Club.

Provost Darland said the flag was a "significant symbol on this Veterans Day of the contribution Senator Butler made to his country, state and community." Dr. Darland noted that Senator Butler was a retired colonel in the U.S. Corps of Engineers, having served in both World War I and II. The senator died in August of 1964 after serving 14 years in the Minnesota Legislature.

Dr. Darland accepted the check from the Butler family in recognition of a man "who early in his career was committed to the growth of the UMD campus and a great personal friend. Senator Butler, on many occasions, expressed his conviction that UMD was headed in the right direction in serving the youth of the area."

The Rev. William L. Halfaker, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, gave the invocation at the brief ceremonies and lauded Senator Butler for "his integrity, gentleness and deep love of country."

Among those attending the ceremony were Representative William House, Two Harbors; Representative Al France, Duluth; Senator Raymond Higgins, Duluth; and members of the Duluth Women's Republican Club.