When I learned about the upcoming drive to establish the Owen Fennema Professorship, I was in tears. As a retired professor also, I know what it means to have a professorship named for him.

I have increasingly learned through communications with others, how much Owen contributed to the science of food. His contributions started early and continued throughout his lifetime as many have attested. He also was an amazing father to our three children and a loving husband of 64 years. I miss him.

I support the establishment of a professorship completely and think not only that it should be but that it is a way of honoring him indefinitely. He would have scoffed at his worthiness to receive such an honor, but the rest of us know that he deserves such recognition.

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