Dedication

We decided to dedicate this issue of the journal to Barry Simon on the occasion of his 60th birthday well before he accepted our invitation to become an editor.

Barry being one of us now, we no longer have the privilege to be able to praise his invaluable and timeless contributions to the theory of orthogonal polynomials and his relentless and passionate pursuit of perfection, both in mathematics and in the no less significant history of mathematics.

Similarly, we are prevented from thanking him for being a tireless advisor to a still finite number of students (as of April 16, 2006), including one of us.

Fortunately, our refusal to spell out the details is perfectly complemented by Barry's impressive work and its profound impact. In the case of a mathematician as prolific and exceptional as he, no further details are necessary.

Mazel tov, Barry!

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