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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

SOLOMON STEPHEN HUEBNER
1882 - 1964

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE RECORD WITH DEEP SORROW THE DEATH ON JULY 17, 1964, IN HIS 82nd YEAR, OF OUR BELOVED LEADER AND ASSOCIATE, DR. SOLOMON STEPHEN HUEBNER. HE LIVED A LONG AND GLORIOUS LIFE AND LEFT MANY LIVING MONUMENTS THAT IN THE YEARS AND GENERATIONS AHEAD WILL DO HIM HONOR AND CARRY ON HIS LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRATION. HIS INITIATION OF THE IDEA OF A PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION IN LIFE UNDERWRITING, HIS ROLE IN THE FOUNDING AND FORMULATION OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF LIFE UNDERWRITERS, AND HIS ENERGETIC LEADERSHIP IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE COLLEGE AND THE CHARTERED LIFE UNDERWRITER PROFESSIONAL MOVEMENT, HAS LEFT A RICH LEGACY FOR ALL. HIS LONG OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH THE COLLEGE BEGAN AS DEAN UPON ITS FOUNDING IN 1927, SERVING IN THIS POSITION UNTIL 1934; AS PRESIDENT FROM 1934 to 1952; AND AS PRESIDENT EMERITUS FROM 1952 UNTIL HIS DEATH. HE BECAME A TRUSTEE OF THE COLLEGE IN 1928 AND WAS ELECTED A LIFE TRUSTEE IN 1938.

FURTHERMORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WISH TO RECORD THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR DR. HUEBNER'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING:

AS A PROFESSOR OF INSURANCE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE WHARTON SCHOOL OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THAT FACULTY FROM 1904 UNTIL HE WAS NAMED EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF INSURANCE IN 1953 AND CONTINUING IN THIS POSITION UNTIL HIS DEATH. HE WAS A MASTER TEACHER AND HIS STUDENTS REPEATEDLY HONORED HIM AS THE MOST POPULAR PROFESSOR ON THE CAMPUS. HIS ABILITY TO ATTRACT OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS TO HIS FACULTY AND TO TRAIN AND INSPIRE TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS FOR OTHER FACULTIES CAUSED HIS CONCEPTS TO BE SPREAD WIDELY, AND ALSO CREATED GENERATIONS OF SCHOLARS TO SUCCEED HIM IN TEACHING, WRITING, AND RESEARCH.

AS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE AMERICAN RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (THEN KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS OF INSURANCE) HE SERVED AS ITS FIRST PRESIDENT IN 1933 AND 1934.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN LIFE

AND PROPERTY INSURANCE, HE HAD CHARGE OF THE PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY UNDERWRITERS, INC. IN 1941 AND 1942. HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM 1942 to 1961, WAS NAMED A LIFE TRUSTEE IN 1956, AND EMERITUS CHAIRMAN IN 1961.

AS HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE S. S. HUEBNER FOUNDATION FOR INSURANCE EDUCATION, AND AS THE BASIC INSPIRATION WHICH CAUSED THE FOUNDATION TO BE CREATED IN HIS HONOR IN 1941, HE GAVE WISE COUNSEL TO THE PLAN FOR DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS OF INSURANCE AND COLLEGIATE LEVEL RESEARCH AND LITERATURE.

AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CHARTERED LIFE UNDERWRITERS SINCE 1948 AND EVEN BEFORE THAT TIME AS AN INSPIRATION TO THE FOUNDING OF THIS PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY, HE ENCOURAGED CHARTERED LIFE UNDERWRITERS TO JOIN TOGETHER IN FURTHERING THEIR PROFESSIONAL AIMS AND IN THE CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT OF LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

AS A SERVANT TO GOVERNMENT ON THE NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL

LEVEL, HE RESPONDED TO REPEATED CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE TIME IN 1912 WHEN HE WORKED WITH A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE THAT INITIATED STUDIES THAT LED TO A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN UNITED STATES SHIPPING INTERESTS AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE INSURANCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

AS A PERSON WHO BROUGHT GREAT HONOR TO THE INSTITUTION OF INSURANCE, TO THE ACADEMIC WORLD, AND TO OTHER COMMUNITIES IN WHICH HE WORKED, HE, IN TURN, RECEIVED A LONG LIST OF MAJOR HONORS. HE WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO RECEIVE THE JOHN NEWTON RUSSELL MEMORIAL AWARD AND WAS THE FIRST LIVING MEMBER CHOSEN FOR THE INSURANCE HALL OF FAME.

AS AN AUTHOR AND EDITOR, HE WROTE AND EDITED PIONEERING BOOKS IN THE AREAS OF INSURANCE AND FINANCE. THESE VOLUMES GREATLY ENRICHED THE LITERATURE FOR SUBSEQUENT GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGIATE AND BUSINESS WORLDS.

LAST, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST, WE MUST ALSO ADMIRE HIM FOR HIS CREATIVENESS IN FAMILY LIFE. WITH THE HELP OF MRS. HUEENER, WHO GAVE HIM GREAT STRENGTH AND COURAGE, OFTEN IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY, AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF HIS FOUR CHILDREN WHO THEMSELVES BRING PRIDE TO THE

HUEBNER FAMILY NAME, HE HAS PROJECTED RICHLY INTO THE FUTURE.

NOW THAT DR. HUEBNER HAS DEPARTED FROM OUR MIDST, WE THINK OF HIS LIFE AS A RICH LEGACY, AS A LIVING MONUMENT. HIS TEACHING AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A CREATIVE INFLUENCE. THE WONDERFUL EXAMPLE HE SET FOR US WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE TO BE A CHALLENGE AND AN INSPIRATION.

AS A TRIBUTE TO OUR REVERED FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE SPREAD UPON THE RECORDS OF THIS COLLEGE AND THAT A COPY BE SENT TO MRS. HUEBNER, WITH THE DEEP SYMPATHY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.