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TRIBUTE TO DAVID CARROLL

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David Carroll's career as a law scholar and teacher is an inspiration. He has contributed important scholarly insights through his writings; he has taught law students, both in the United States and abroad, with great effectiveness and popularity; he has served the community in important government posts; and he has, through his personal example, instilled respect in all who know him for the values he holds fundamental and for his own perseverance and courage. He has enriched our profession and our lives.

David Carroll's scholarly work has focused on commercial law and urban and poverty law. He has published important books on consumer protection and urban problems, and his articles in law journals, both domestic and foreign, have pushed theoretical frontiers. He has a particular knack for choosing eye-catching titles for his scholarly works; my personal favorite is *Harpooning Whales, of Which Karl N. Llewellyn is the Hero of the Piece; or Searching for More Expansion Joints in Karl's Crumbling Cathedral*. His scholarship is justifiably highly regarded and influential.

David has taught at four United States law schools and at two universities in Africa. He has always been among the most revered of the faculty. He cares passionately about his teaching and is highly successful in imparting enthusiasm for the study of law and stimulating his students to strive to achieve the highest standards of professionalism. His teaching is also respected because of his ability to illuminate the human values at stake in what might otherwise appear to some as merely "technical" issues.

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Early in life, David contracted a disease that left him confined to a wheelchair. His accomplishments as a superior student, successful partner in a respected law firm and outstanding scholar and teacher would be remarkable in any event. But these accomplishments are even more worthy of admiration in light of the physical challenge that he has faced. His empathy for the physically challenged has of course guided some of his public-service activities, and he has held numerous leadership positions in organizations involved with issues confronting the handicapped.

We at USC were privileged to have David Carroll as our colleague for eighteen years. He was an important force in the faculty. He served as chair of significant committees and held the position of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for a term. He was highly influential in expanding our enrollment of students who add to the diversity of the student body and an effective spokesman for curricular change. He was also a wonderful mentor to junior faculty and a counselor to uncounted students, many of whom remain his close friends (and players in his famous poker game).

David Carroll has now assumed emeritus status as Leon Benwell Professor of Law, Emeritus. We miss his presence at the Law Center, but we are grateful indeed for the time that he was our colleague and proud of his association with our school. He is one of the great figures of legal education.