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Citation of John H. Tucker, jr., for the Degree of Doctor of Laws

(By Professor J. Denson Smith on behalf of the Louisiana State University Law School)

John H. Tucker, jr. A native of Arkansas whom Louisiana can now count proudly as her own. He was educated in the liberal arts at Washington and Lee University, and in law at the Louisiana State University Law School. He has served his country with distinction in various military capacities, active and reserve, at home and abroad, over a period of many years. He retired from the reserve in 1951 as a Colonel of Infantry. Since his admission to practice in 1920, his contributions to the law and the legal profession as practitioner, legal writer, and crusader in the sphere of law improvement and reform have been many and great. To his genius as an organizer, supported by the high respect in which he is held by his fellow members of the legal profession, the Louisiana State Law Institute owes its existence. Its work reflects his wisdom, his zealous devotion to service, his technical skills, his untiring search for the truth, his awareness of the immediacy of the future and its promise of achievement, in sum, his inspiring leadership. His is an expansive vision that transcends the shadows of doubt and fear. The realization that perfection may prove elusive does not deter him from its quest. His interest in the cause is unconfined. By the widespread dissemination of the story of law improvement and reform in his own state, he has sought to bring assistance and encouragement to others. In recognition of his stature as a scholar of civil law, he holds the French Legion of Honor.

Because he has demonstrated that active practice of the law and legal scholarship are not mutually exclusive, and, because, by the great and lasting achievements resulting from his personal dedication to the cause of law improvement and reform, he has created a source of inspiration that will not lessen with the years, I present John Hellums Tucker, jr. for the degree of Doctor of Laws.