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This issue is dedicated to the memory of Paul G. Kauper

PAUL G. KAUPER

*Memorial Resolution by The University
of Michigan Law Faculty Concerning Paul G. Kauper*

PAUL KAUPER died in May 1974 following a short illness, thirty-eight years after joining the law faculty, when he was at the height of his powers as an active member of the faculty. The Law School lost a precious asset and the legal profession lost a master of constitutional law.

Law faculties occasionally have great teachers or great scholars, but only rarely are great teaching and scholarship combined in the person of one man as they were in Paul. His contributions to scholarship were many and enduring, and his influence on two generations of students was as important and enduring as that of any member of this faculty within living memory.

Paul's influence on students was due not only to his exceptional abilities as teacher and scholar but also to his qualities as a person. There is no need to recite his virtues for he seemed to have them all in greater degree than is the lot of most of us. His presence was an implicit communication to students of the role of lawyers as members of an honorable and sometimes even noble profession, and of the importance of law in an ordered society. If this communication is to come about in law schools, and it is of first importance that it should, this will be partly because students are aided in their learning by teachers of Paul's moral stature. When such a man gives the years of his life to the study and teaching of law this says something about law and the legal profession as they should be and sometimes are.

Paul brought to the study of constitutional law an unusual knowledge of and sense of history, which enhanced his understanding of current problems and his prescience of emerging problems. His writings are an important part of the permanent repository of knowledge about constitutional law.

Paul's death was a great loss to the Law School because he had fruitful years to come, but his life was a permanent contribution of incalculable value to the life of the Law School.

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