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*This issue is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Justice Murphy*

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IT is fitting that the *Michigan Law Review* should dedicate this issue to the memory of Mr. Justice Murphy. From the day of his matriculation in 1908, the relationship between Frank Murphy and the University of Michigan, and particularly the Law School, was a warm and intimate one. While he was on the campus, his deep idealism and attractive personal qualities not only made him widely known but brought him the affection and regard of his fellow students, members of the faculty, and officers of the University. Graduation (LL.B. 1914) did not terminate or substantially alter this relationship. Throughout his long career of public service Frank Murphy maintained close contact with his many friends here. In 1937, in the midst of the unprecedented problems which he was facing as Governor of the State, he delivered the annual Case Club address at the Lawyers Club. In 1939 he was awarded the honorary LL.D. degree by his alma mater.

I came to know Frank Murphy for the first time in 1937 when he became Governor of the State of Michigan. I was immediately impressed with the ideals which he held with respect to public service and the inspiring attitude with which he approached his tasks in that field. Perhaps I have been more than ordinarily conscious of these qualities because of my own interest in the administration of justice and the public law field. Moreover, an intimate acquaintance with the top-ranking University of Michigan Law graduates whom Justice Murphy has employed as law clerks during his years on the Supreme Court has more than confirmed this early impression. One and all, they have derived great inspiration from the association.

As Dean of the Law School I had many contacts with Frank Murphy and always found him understanding, sympathetic, capable of full appreciation of the problems confronting the school, and stimulating and helpful in their consideration and solution. In his untimely death the University of Michigan and the Law School have lost an eminent son and a real friend.

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