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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF
PROFESSOR HESSEL E. YNTEMA

The Editorial Board of the *Journal* wishes to express its gratitude to the Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung and to Professor Ernst von Caemmerer for the kind permission to reproduce this Resolution.

The Board of Directors of the Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung, in its meeting of June 10, 1966, paid tribute to the memory of the late Honorary Member of the Gesellschaft, Hessel E. Yntema. The Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung is deeply saddened by his passing. This legal scholar was born in St. Johns, Michigan, U.S.A. He taught in several leading universities in the United States, his last appointment being Research Professor of Comparative Law in the University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor. Hessel E. Yntema was a scholar of international repute. In the foreground of his scholarly activities stand his works on private international law, comparative law, and the unification of laws. His efforts, crowned with success and carried on in the spirit and tradition of humanism, were aimed at building bridges between the different legal systems and legal cultures; they have earned him universal recognition. In these efforts he was particularly concerned to make the achievements of continental legal scholarship known in the United States. The Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung gratefully acknowledges in particular the help that Professor Yntema gave to Ernst Rabel when that scholar was forced to leave Germany for the United States. Hessel E. Yntema had a considerable share in assisting Ernst Rabel to begin and to complete in Ann Arbor his masterful comparative work on private international law, *The Conflict of Laws: A Comparative Study*. After Ernst Rabel's death Hessel E. Yntema was instrumental in the preparation of a second edition of Volumes I-III of Rabel's treatise. Many honors were bestowed on him. He was a member of various scholarly associations and organizations. Mention should be made of the honor conferred on him through his election as Honorary President of the International Association of Legal Science and of his successful activities as President of the International Faculty of Comparative Law of the *Université Internationale des Sciences Comparées* in Luxembourg. In acknowledgment of his meritorious services the Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung elected Hessel E. Yntema an Honorary Member on November 23, 1953. The Gesellschaft has always been proud in this way to count this outstand-
ing scholar of comparative law as one of its own; as late as the fall of 1965, Yntema honored the Gesellschaft by his participation at the Conference of Comparative Law in Kiel. The memory of Hessel E. Yntema bequeaths to the Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung the privilege of serving the cause of international understanding in the field of law in the same tradition as he did in his lifetime.