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Dedication—James J. Robinson

It is a privilege to participate in the dedication of this issue of the INDIANA LAW JOURNAL to James J. Robinson, a distinguished jurist, lawyer, administrator, and teacher.

Indiana born, Mr. Justice Robinson received his A. B. degree from Indiana University and his LL.B. and S.J.D. degrees from Harvard Law School. He served in the United States Navy in World War I. Practicing briefly in Gibson County, he served one term as prosecuting attorney in Indiana's fifth judicial circuit. He was called to the law faculty of Indiana University in 1924. After attaining a full professorship, he was asked by the University to be director of its newly formed Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, in which capacity he served until appointed as a member of and Reporter for the Advisory Committee on Rules for Criminal Procedure of the United States Supreme Court. He served as Reporter until, having received a new commission in the United States Navy, he was assigned as legal counsel in the international war crimes trials held in Tokyo, Japan, and in Manila, Philippines. After this, he was assigned briefly to the law section of the Library of Congress. In 1954 he was the American nominee for a justiceship on the Supreme Court of Libya, a former Italian colony under a United Nations trusteeship, which had recently become an independent kingdom. In accepting this appointment, Justice Robinson became the first American citizen to sit on the highest court of a foreign country.

In 1964, Justice Robinson, having reached the mandatory faculty retirement age, was designated professor emeritus of law of Indiana University. In 1972 he received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

He continued to serve as a justice of the Supreme Court of Libya until 1969, when a bloodless military coup overthrew the Libyan government.

Since then Mr. Justice and Mrs. Robinson have lived in Washington, D.C., where he has maintained an office to work on various projects which had been interrupted by the relentless calls on him to work in troubled areas where American interests were involved.

James J. Robinson, over forty years on leave from Indiana University, has lived a life of great accomplishment, never failing to

answer the call of his state or his country to take on difficult assignments which he has capably carried out.

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