HEMP DAVIS BATTLE, alumnus of the University (A.B., 1909), member of Phi Beta Kappa, law graduate of the University of Denver (LL.B., 1914), and for thirty years active on the Board of Trustees, has continued through a long life of enlightened service to his community, his state, and his alma mater, the noble traditions of his illustrious family. Distinguished member of the Bar in his home, Rocky Mount, businessman, public-spirited citizen, Mr. Battle has found time to devote himself to philanthropy, as member and officer in state and national tuberculosis associations, and in local benevolent institutions; to the development of the public responsibilities of his profession, as member of the Council of the North Carolina State Bar, as occasional lecturer in the University Law School, and as President of the State Bar Association; and finally, to the welfare of the University, on which his broad outlook and his toughness of purpose have ever exerted a creative influence. Serving faithfully the university of which his grandfather was the reconstruction president, and his great grandfather, various Trustees, the founder of the Law School, he was long a member of the Trustees' Executive Committee and Chairman of its Committee on Honorary Degrees. His gentle spirit, his wise and conscientious performance of all his duties, his devotion to his alma mater have been an inspiration alike to faculty, students, and alumni; and in grateful recognition of the richness of his contributions to her life the University of North Carolina is proud to bestow on him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

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