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A TRIBUTE TO EARL BORGESON ON HIS RETIREMENT

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I first knew of Earl Borgeson in the summer of 1985. It was several months later, after I had begun my law school career at Southern Methodist University, that I learned his name. You see, the first I knew of Professor Borgeson was not by his name, but by his work. When examining different law schools, one very important distinction is the quality of the law library. SMU has one of the finest in the country, due in great part to the efforts of Earl Borgeson. The quality of Underwood Law Library contributed to my — and I'm sure to many other student's — decision to attend SMU School of Law.

During my years in law school, I took the law library for granted as do most students. I assumed the legal sources required and the support needed to use those sources would be there. Once again, largely because of the work of Earl Borgeson I was not disappointed.

In addition, I also was fortunate enough to have contact with Professor Borgeson on an issue of particular interest to those associated with the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce*. In 1985, the Board of Editors of the *Journal* decided that an appropriate use for some of the proceeds of the annual Air Law Symposium should be to improve the air law resources available at Underwood Law Library. Of course the logical person to help the *Journal* plan and implement such a decision was Professor Borgeson.

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For the next two years the *Journal* worked toward committing funds to Underwood for use in acquiring air law sources. Earl Borgeson gave us guidance on the best form for our contribution to take, the types of restrictions and requirements we might want to put on the contribution, and the types of sources we might want the library to acquire. Additionally, Professor Borgeson often informed a "new" Board of Editors of decisions and progress made by the past Board. Finally, in the fall of 1987 the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce* committed to contribute to the Underwood Law Library from the proceeds of the 1989 Symposium. Without Earl Borgeson's help, this contribution might have always been just a "good idea".

Earl Borgeson has been a law librarian since 1950. He has been Director of Underwood Law Library at SMU since 1978. Like many students, I never received classroom instruction from Professor Borgeson. However, his work has contributed greatly to my legal education. On behalf of the myself and all those students who have benefitted from your efforts, thank you Professor Borgeson, your contributions are appreciated.