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REMARKS ON THE PASSING OF KEN PYE[†]

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People who are giants of an institution leave giant footprints, and so it is of Ken Pye. As he strode across the Duke landscape, he left scores of markers that record his lasting and significant contributions to Duke University.

As Dean and teacher he added luster to our distinguished law school.

As Chancellor he put his hand to the improvement of every segment of our university.

He established fiscal responsibility as an enduring Duke University principle.

He taught us that retrenchment—a word to strike fear in the hearts of faculty members—can be constructive and enriching.

He valued the individual contributions of faculty members and his support greatly strengthened our academic quality.

He reinforced the integrity and perspective of our athletic program.

As university counsel he anticipated the avalanche of new regulations and prepared the university to avoid untold trouble and expense.

I especially remember, with gratitude, that he guided his president around numerous pitfalls.

And he made it possible for the Duke community to be benefitted by the wonderful exuberance of Judy Pye.

Duke will not forget the contributions of Kenneth Pye, and time will not erode the achievements of Kenneth Pye in the building of Duke University.

We give thanks for the blessing of his life.

[†] This tribute was originally delivered by the author at a memorial service honoring A. Kenneth Pye held at Duke University in July 1994.

