

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

HERBERT E. DOUGALL

(1903 - 1996)

Herbert E. Dougall, C.O.G. Miller Distinguished Professor of Finance, Graduate School of Business died August 6, 1996, in Portola Valley, California at the age of 93. Herb was born in Merritton, Ontario, Canada grew up in Ontario, and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto in 1925. Herb then went on to do graduate work at Northwestern University. First obtaining an MBA in 1926, he received his Ph.D. in finance in 1930. Having worked closely with an eminent professor of finance at Northwestern, Harry G. Guthman, he joined the Northwestern School of Commerce faculty. He rose steadily in academic rank, being promoted to professor of finance in 1939.

While at Northwestern, he participated in a number of activities including services as director of the undergraduate division. With professor Guthman, he authored Corporate Financial Policy, which ultimately went through four editions and for some time was the leading text in corporate finance. In addition he wrote Investments, which became a leading text in the teaching of stock and other investments. He was highly regarded in the academic finance community as well as in the investment community.

In 1946, he came to the Stanford Graduate School of Business as the key finance professor. At the time each functional area had but two faculty members, and Herb was instrumental not only in building the finance area, but also in developing the school overall. He became the GSB's first recipient of an endowed chair, the prestigious C. O. G. Miller Distinguished Professor of Finance. He continued to be an illuminary in the finance field, authoring articles, revising his two textbooks together with writing Capital Markets and Institutions. He served as vice-president of the American Finance Association, Trustee of the College Retirement Equity Fund, and a director of the Commonwealth Funds in San Francisco, along with other public service responsibilities. He developed an investment management course at the GSB, which he taught until the time of his retirement.

During the 1950s and 60s he was instrumental in the growth of the Business School. As chair of the Dean's Search Committee, he persuaded Ernest Arbuckle to accept the position of Dean in 1958. During Dougall's time as a professor at Stanford the School progressed from what had been a fine regional school to one of national and international prominence. The finance faculty grew from two at the time of his initial appointment to nine at the time of his retirement and was ranked in the top three finance departments nationally.

One of his great satisfactions was working with students, literally thousands over the years. On many, he had a profound influence. Always the perfect gentleman, Herb had a twinkle in his eye and was continually offering his help to colleagues, to

administrators, and to students. A gentle and honorable man, he left an indelible footprint on the development of the Stanford Business School.

After retirement, Herb continued to do consulting and taught as a visitor at two foreign universities. He continued to enjoy analyzing and investing in common stocks, just as he had enjoyed teaching the subject with distinction for so many years. He and his wife, Louise Alice Perkins Dougall, moved to the Sequoias Retirement Community, where both were active in its affairs as well as those of the Valley Presbyterian Church. Continually the finance professor, naturally Herb served on financial oversight committees. He was preceded in death by his wife Louise in 1984. He is survived by two daughters, Jean Dougall Boydston and Ellie Dougall Hall, both of Tucson, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Herb lived a very fulfilling life, frequently seen with some article of tartan clothing. We were privileged to know him as a friend and colleague, and miss him greatly.

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