

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

IDA STAUF (1871 – 1936)

Dr. Ida Stauf, Assistant Professor of Romanic Languages Emeritus, was born in Bonn-on-the-Rhine in 1871, and died in her home at Stanford University on November 27, 1936.

Miss Stauf received here early education in Germany, Austria, France and England. In 1895 she came to America, and a few years later she entered Stanford University, graduating with the B.A. degree in 1910. After taking her M. A. in 1912 in the Department of Romanic Languages, Miss Stauf devoted herself for some years to private instruction in French, German and Italian, which she spoke fluently. In 1918 she joined the faculty of the Department of Romanic Languages, teaching French and Italian. During the years 1925-1927 Miss Stauf went to France for further graduate work, and received the degree of Docteur de l'Université at the University of Paris in 1927. Miss Stauf then continued as a member of the Stanford Faculty until her retirement in September 1936, a period of sixteen years in all.

During her entire service at Stanford University Miss Stauf gave a unique and special value to her work because she was not only a popular and successful teacher of languages, but also an interpreter of foreign customs and ideas. She was a woman of wide international outlook, with deep sympathy and appreciation for the peoples with whose languages she dealt. Her students frequently spoke of her dignity in the classroom, and she herself often said that she regarded teaching as the highest expression of life.

When Dr. Ida Stauf retired from active service in September 1936 the University lost one of its most popular and able teachers. When she passed away on the 27th of November the entire Stanford community lost a devoted and loyal friend.

Be it resolved, that the Academic Council place on official record its appreciation of the services of Professor Ida Stauf, and that copies of these resolutions be sent to the Board of Trustees and to members of her family.

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