Resolution of the Board of Yale-China Association

Doug Murray with New Asia College President and Confucian scholar Ch'ien Mu, Hong Kong, 1959.

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Yale-China Association recognize Douglas Patterson Murray, Jr. as an exemplary member of the Yale-China community, whose first encounter with Asia as a Bachelor at New Asia College in Hong Kong, directed him to a life of service and a career as a champion for U.S.-China engagement;

WHEREAS, over a professional career of six decades, Doug contributed his formidable talents and leadership skills to many non-profit institutions, including The Asia Foundation, National Committee for US-China Relations, East-West Center, China Institute, Lingnan Foundation and the Yale-China Association—always working at the forefront of efforts to build deep, stable relations between the United States and China, especially through programs for educational and cultural exchanges;

WHEREAS, Doug was a beloved colleague, mentor and friend who will be greatly missed, and who supported, guided and furthered Yale-China's work and mission throughout his life as an advisor and a member of the Board of Trustees from 1995-2001 and 2002-2008, and who led the creation of the Charley Blatchford Fund to honor the contributions of his friend and fellow Bachelor from New Asia College days;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Yale-China Association expresses its deepest appreciation through the establishment of the Doug Murray Fund, to enable a new pilot project sending recent Yale graduates to teach in underserved schools in China's mountainous Western Hunan region—at a time when opportunities for young Americans to gain direct experience in China are increasingly rare, and the need for mutual respect and understanding between our two peoples is more urgent than ever; and it is resolved that this resolution is entered permanently into the records of the Yale-China Association.

Signed on this Nineteenth day of June, Two-Thousand and Twenty,
on behalf of the Board,

Ping Liang
Chair