

# DEDICATION

When it was learned that a Colloquium would be held in honor of Dean Rusk, distinguished friends and colleagues from around the country wished to be associated with this endeavor. Many came to Athens to participate in the meeting. Other friends who could not be at the Colloquium sent messages. These messages, a few of which are set forth below, eloquently articulate feelings that are shared by his university colleagues and students, as well as his friends throughout the country and the world.

Hon. Anne Armstrong:

“It is entirely fitting that this Law Professor Workshop honors Dean Rusk, whose distinguished career embodies the integration of law and national security.

Adherence to the rule of law, whether by individuals or nations, provides the only foundation on which to build, not transitory safety, but permanent security. A just legal order stands as the guardian of the rights of individuals, the tranquility of society and peace among nations. To this Dean Rusk has devoted his public and private life.”

Hon. George Ball:

“In honoring Dean Rusk, you are expressing the respect of all Americans for the qualities that have given a special distinction to the life of our nation. I can attest from six years of working closely with him that Dean Rusk is above all a man of compassion with a subtle understanding of the human spirit. As his brilliant career has shown, he is not only deeply dedicated to the security and welfare of America, but he has a spacious vision of a world at peace. He has the capacity for hard decisions and the courage to maintain unpopular positions. Finally, he has the persistence—some would call it obstinacy—to persevere against fierce opposition in courses of action he regards as right.

Some Americans in public life, diligent in advancing their own interests, receive far more adulation than is due; others, out of a modesty derived from a larger perspective and a deeper understanding of world forces, are less concerned with the capricious assessments of the moment. They decline to manipulate the judgment of history because they do not fear it. Dean Rusk is one of that small elite.

I greatly regret not being with you, but I join from a distance in the tribute you are paying to a splendid native of your state—a distinguished citizen of America and the world, and to the qualities and achievements as well of Virginia Rusk who in her quiet way has done so much for so many.”

Hon. Henry A. Kissinger:

“Dear Dean:

I am sorry that I will not be able to participate in the Law Professor Workshop honoring you, but this is a fitting occasion for me to tell you once again of my profound admiration and affection for you.

It is not only because we will both go down in history as Secretaries of State who spoke with funny accents. It is also because I have known you—before, during and after my own tenure in Government—as a pillar of strength and decency and integrity. Intellectual fashions come and go, but the basic values of character and patriotism endure. In your work as a teacher of international law and a wise Counsellor to the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security, you have shown that public service is not limited to government service.

I am honored to have been a colleague and friend.

Nancy joins me in sending you our heartfelt best wishes.

Warm regards,  
Henry A. Kissinger”