

RESOLUTION
ON THE RETIREMENT OF
PROFESSOR FRANK C. COLCORD

adopted by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

May 16, 1994

The members of the Department of Political Science, and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Jackson College of Tufts University, hereby record our warm appreciation for our retiring colleague, Professor Frank C. Colcord. Tufts University has benefitted from Frank's loyal contributions throughout his 25 year tenure -- a remarkable span of visionary teaching, advising, administrative, and research contributions to our university community.

It would be impossible to list all of Frank's accomplishments here. Instead, we can only provide an outline of the much varied path that has led him to Tufts. Frank's period of time with us represented a third of his careers. His first career was with the Navy Supply Corps from 1944 to 1947. Frank received his own undergraduate education at Goddard and Middlebury Colleges, graduating from the latter in 1949.

Then, after a stint at Syracuse's Maxwell School of Public Affairs, he started his second career, spending ten years working for the federal government in Washington. He held a variety of positions there, including a period at the U.S. Department of State, then as the Staff Assistant to the Executive Assistant to the Special Assistant to the President of the United States in the Office of the Director for Mutual Security. Following this, Frank's Washington career found him in the U.S. Bureau of the Budget, where he served for five years, first as a management analyst, then as a budget analyst.

Upon leaving Washington in 1959, Frank began his path to a career in academe by entering the Ph.D. program in political science at MIT, earning his doctorate in 1964. From 1963 through 1966, he also served as the community relations officer for MIT. In 1966, he took his first academic appointment as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at MIT, where he served until coming to Tufts in the fall of 1969 as an Associate Professor with tenure and Chair of the Political Science department.

Frank served as department chair from 1969 until 1979. While on leave during the 1975-76 year, Frank continued his study of Canadian politics as Visiting Professor at Regent College in Vancouver, BC. In the fall of 1980, then-President Jean Mayer invited Frank to become the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, a position he held through the summer of 1987. After a year sabbatical during which he served as Visiting Professor at the University of Paris XII, he returned to the Political Science department until today.

In addition to his life as a political scientist, Frank is one of the most travelled members of the Political Science Department, he has developed innumerable outside interests, including becoming one of Tufts' experts on the music of the Mediterranean, perhaps the Political Science Department's most accomplished vocal musician, and a long-time fan of the Boston Symphony.

We know that Frank's retirement from Tufts simply means that he has decided he is ready to move on to a fourth career. We all hope that this career will be as rewarding to him as the first three have been. We also hope that in retirement Frank will continue to keep in touch with his many friends in the Tufts community.

Be it resolved that this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and that a copy be sent to Professor Colcord.

For the Department of Political Science