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News Release

UD LAW SCHOOL TO GRADUATE 140

DAYTON, Ohio, May 5, 1982 -- The University of Dayton School of Law will award the degree of Juris Doctor (Doctor of Law) to 140 students at commencement exercises on Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. in the UD Arena. This will be the sixth class to graduate from the School of Law since it reopened in 1974.

In addition, the Law School will award a posthumous Juris Doctor degree to Karen Taylor, a UD law student who died unexpectedly last May. Taylor would have graduated this May. Accepting her degree will be her husband, Charles Taylor, president of Wilberforce University.

An Honorary Doctor of Law degree will be awarded to Senator Thomas Eagleton who is the guest speaker at graduation.

Eagleton has served in the United States Senate since 1968, representing his home state of Missouri. A native of St. Louis, he attended Amherst College and graduated cum laude in 1950. A Harvard Law School cum laude graduate in 1953, Eagleton served as the editor of the Harvard Law Review.

He worked in his father's law firm prior to holding a series of political offices including Circuit Attorney for St. Louis, State Attorney General and Missouri Lieutenant Governor. In 1968 Eagleton was elected to the Senate of the United States.

Eagleton has won scholarly acclaim for his expertise and legislative work on the subject of war powers. His book, War and Presidential Power: A Chronicle of Congressional Surrender, was published in 1974.

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Currently, he is the ranking minority member of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The citation for his honorary degree from the University of Dayton states, in part, that he "represents the highest professional ideals, and has used considerable talents in a lifetime of public service."