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### **Citation for Professor Black**

This day, 20 June 1987, and hereafter, Robert Denis Collison Black is named Distinguished Fellow of the History of Economics Society. The Society is deeply grateful to Professor Black for classifying, clarifying and always illuminating important areas of British and Irish economic thought. Black's writings about the Irish group and especially, Mountifort Longfield and J.E. Cairnes have broadened our understanding and have stimulated our appreciation of nineteenth century, classical thought as a whole. Black's 1960 treatise on economic thought and the Irish question ranks with Viner's treatise on international trade theory and Schumpeter's history of economic analysis as one of the most readable and comprehensive surveys of its kind ever written. During the 1970s, Black carefully edited the papers and correspondence of William Stanley Jevons. Editing is a service that bears fruit over several generations, and this Society's conferences and publications are likely to bear the mark of Black's erudition for years to come as younger scholars benefit from the accessibility of Jevons' writings. Professor Black continues his studies even as this Society takes stock of his contribution. Economic writers such as Ralph Hawtrey, Thomas C. Banfield, Henry Charles Fleeming Jenkin, and Richard Jennings each receive new illumination from Black. We wish Black many years of continued success in his labors and now express our gratitude to him for what he has given us with this honor.

