

In memoriam redigens illustria verba nostri Horatii, laudator laudandi nostri scripsit, metrico modo, “*robur et aes triplex tibi circum pectora.*”¹ Hodie prudenti praefecto, sodalique suavissimo, doctissimoque praeceptori litterarum studioso maximas gratias agimus. Non solum ei gratulamur propter mirabile robur eius, corporis et mentis, quod itineribus innumeris, multas per gentes et multa per aequora vectus,² indefessis viribus exhibuit. Non solum ei gratulamur propter aes triplex quod nunc est adeptus—aes trium tropaeorum, quoniam unice potitus est tribus maximis fructibus sodalitatis nostrae: imprimis ovatione rarissimi generis, in hexametris eruditissimis;³ tunc praemio celebranti praestantissimam feminam beatae memoriae, ducem factorum insignium aequitatisque meritissimae ingeniosoque docendi propugnatricem;⁴ denique hac gratulatione quae honorat eximiam pietatem et diligentiam et curam operosam in perficiendis plurimis officiis, re vera magistratibus omnibus huius societatis, nuperrime administrandis aerariis. Sed etiam ei gratulamur propter pectus ipsum eius, pectus aureum, donum aere perennius pretiosiusque.⁵ Plaudamus omnes et gratulemur tibi, Henry Bender.

Recalling the famed words of the Roman poet Horace, one who praised our colleague who must be praised, wrote, in Latin meter, of “the strength and triple bronze surrounding your heart.” Today we give most heartfelt thanks to a wise man of authority, an extremely kind friend, and most erudite teacher and devotee of ancient literature. We not only congratulate him because of his remarkable strength, of body and mind, which he, carried on countless travels through many peoples and many seas, displayed with tireless energies. We not only congratulate him because of the triple bronze which he has

¹David J. Califf, *CW* 99.4 (2006) 442-443, quoting Horace, *Odes* 1.3.9-10.

² Catullus 101.1: *Multas per gentes et multa per aequora vectus*

³ Califf (2006): *Ovatio* honoring Henry Bender, *Si mihi Musa, deum limen quae ascendat ad altum...accipe versiculos igitur, mea munera parva.*

⁴ Second winner of the Barbara McManus Award, 2018. Evoking Vergil, *Aeneid* 1. 364 on the Carthaginian queen Dido, *dux femina facti.*

⁵ Horace, *Odes* 3.30.1: *exegi monumentum aere perennius.*

now obtained, the bronze of three awards, since he has achieved, uniquely, the three greatest awards our organization can bestow: first, an *ovatio* of a most unusual type, in learned hexameters; then, the Barbara McManus Award, recognizing a most outstanding woman classicist of blessed memory, who transformed CAAS by inspiring remarkable deeds, championing long overdue efforts at social justice and pioneering innovative teaching; finally, this expression of thanks which honors his exceptional sense of responsibility: carefulness and painstaking concern in performing an immense number of duties, indeed all the offices of this association, most recently by serving as our treasurer. But we also congratulate him because of his heart itself, a heart of gold, a gift more longlasting and more precious than bronze. Let us all applaud and congratulate Henry Bender.

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