

CITATION

HULETT CARLSON SMITH  
Doctor of Laws

HULETT CARLSON SMITH, Governor of West Virginia and a native of this State, you were born into a family with a tradition of public service, and in your own right you enter the high office you now hold well qualified as a successful businessman, able civic leader, college vice-president, experienced public servant -- and licensed pilot -- to assume the responsibilities demanded of you. We applaud your pledge to provide the people of West Virginia an administration of excellence. But we remind you, Sir, that unlike the graduates before you who have passed their final examinations for their degrees, you are before them because you have passed the one-day test of an election and because we also are confident that you will pass with high marks the continuing and more difficult examination of a statesman. Education always has had a high value for you, and we are pleased by your support of public education. As a youth you had the distinction of graduating twice from junior high school -- first in Washington when your father served in the Congress, and later the same year in Beckley when your family returned home after the session --, and although the silver may be <sup>an</sup> tarnished on the scholastic cup you won at Beckley Junior High School, that cup remains bright in the eyes of your children as an example for them to follow. Honored often this commencement season, we hope that yet another diploma will not crowd your office, for Concord College is indeed pleased to award to a man who has had fulfilled his preference to be in a parade, rather than to watch it, her degree of Doctor of Laws.

In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College, and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, and of the College the ninetieth.