

CITATION

HARRY BRUCE HEFLIN
Doctor of Laws

HARRY BRUCE HEFLIN, you stand before us as a West Virginia Mountaineer in whom your native State takes great pride. Born on a modest farm in Ritchie County, you began your education by walking three miles to and from a one-room country school, where you also earned your first wages sweeping the school house floors and building the fires. As a successful "Beatle" of your day, you earned money singing in a quartet to finance your education at Glenville State College, where you graduated in 1937. By advanced study at Peabody and the University of Pittsburgh, you earned your Master's and Doctor's degrees. Your life has been devoted to education, and you began your teaching career in a one-room school. Other milestones include positions as a college professor, dean, President of your Alma Mater, and now Vice President of West Virginia University. During your presidency of seventeen years at Glenville, enrollment tripled, new academic programs were added and upgraded, and a comprehensive building program was launched. A leader among college presidents, you always were willing to offer a helping hand and wise counsel to your less experienced colleagues, and when the going got rough your keen and witty sense of humor often provided welcome relief. To an unassuming man, to a distinguished educator, and to one who has served his fellow West Virginians well, goes Concord's highest accolade, and she hereby confers upon you 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.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President