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Athens, West Virginia

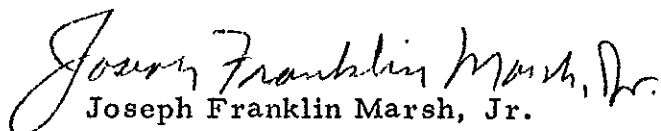
CITATION

WALTER RAY COOKE
Doctor of Pedagogy
May 15, 1972

WALTER RAY COOKE, distinguished educator, civic leader, and son of this College, we had better call you "Pete" or else your many friends here today may be confused! Born within a stone's throw of Concord College, it was forty-five years ago when you received your first diploma here. During your long public service, your entire life has been given to the youth of this county as a one-room country school teacher, an elementary school principal, and for longer than any other person Mercer County's Superintendent of Schools. Although all has not been calm during your tenure, and you, like another here, have endured with dignity some harsh words of criticism often from the very ones for whom you worked so diligently, you now know that your labors were not in vain. Today, as President of the West Virginia Education Association, you are acknowledged by your colleagues as one of this State's finest educational leaders. Active in the affairs of this College, in 1963 you were named our "Alumnus of the Year" for your outstanding service to Concord. Your beloved Alma Mater welcomes this opportunity, on the eve of your retirement, to honor a deserving son and a super teacher by conferring upon you her degree of Doctor of Pedagogy.

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 the fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and of the College the one hundred and first.


Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President