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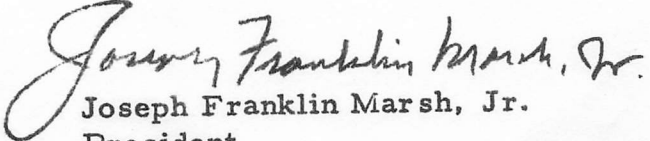
CITATION

PERRY EPLER GRESHAM  
Doctor of Humanities

PERRY EPLER GRESHAM, born in California, educated in Texas, since 1953 a West Virginian, you stand before us not only as a man of significant accomplishment, but also as one who has captured the hearts of countless people in this Mountain State. Learned clergyman, philosophy scholar and professor, journalist, author and poet, accomplished public speaker, and distinguished educator, you, Sir, have few peers among ordinary mortals. As a college president, your extraordinary record of achievements at Bethany College and your dedicated service to all of higher education in this State make you most worthy of our praise and honor. Your announced retirement a year hence will leave a void in ranks of college presidents that will be difficult to fill. Already the recipient of eight honorary degrees, if our count is correct, we hope that another diploma will not crowd your study and that the additional degree soon to follow your name will not cause the College printer undue anxiety. You honor us by your presence on this occasion, and Concord College, is, indeed, highly pleased to be able to honor you by conferring upon you her well-deserved degree of Doctor of Humanities.

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 twenty-third day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and of the College the one hundredth.

  
Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.  
President