

CONCORD UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Jean Dressler Beasley, since 1985 when your husband took office, you have been an avid supporter of the Concord community – including the arts, athletics, and academics. You have been a welcoming and hospitable presence at campus events and ceremonies throughout the years. You always show appreciation to all employees of Concord, regardless of position.

You have contributed to Concord University by teaching English Composition and Rhetoric for four semesters (Fall 1988, Spring 1989, Fall 1989, Spring 1990). You were involved with the inception of the legal studies and prelaw program by aiding early legal writing classes and providing fresh ideas for the potential structure of the program.

You have worked behind the scenes and have supported your husband in all of his Concord-related endeavors. You both have shared the same vision for the school; we could not have asked for a more dynamic team. The years you spent at home raising your three daughters spoke volumes of your commitment to your family as well as to the future of your community. The town of Athens and the school are eternally grateful for the long hours you have spent making the Concord-Athens Town Social a success. Your civic involvement in Mercer County showed your commitment to education, health care, volunteerism, citizenship, and spiritual growth.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me by the Concord University Board of Governors, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

CONFERRED ON MAY 17, 2008

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