Mr. Chancellor, we are today honouring Kenneth Thomson Strand, as one who has given exceptional service to this University, as an early member of faculty, as elected Chairman of the Joint Faculties during 1968, and, as Acting President and then President of Simon Fraser University during the difficult years from 1968 to 1974.

Born in our neighbouring State of Washington, he was granted his Bachelor of Arts by Washington State College, and his Master of Science and Doctorate in economics by the University of Wisconsin. He returned to Washington State to teach economics in 1958 and in 1960 was appointed to Oberlin College. From the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris. He arrived at Simon Fraser University in 1966 and taught in the Economics Department until his Presidency. He returned to the Department after he completed his term.

His research and scholarship have focussed on the field of industrial relations and employment, and led to the publication in 1961, of his book Jurisdictional Disputes in Construction. He proceeded into the field of labour relations and disputes, and has been an effective arbitrator in labour-management problems, including some arising at The British Columbia Railway and British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.

His skills in arbitration served him and the University well when he became the Acting President in 1968. Those who experienced university unrest in the 1960s will remember the disorder and confrontation which marred that time. This University was disturbed, as were many others in the United States, Britain and Europe. He responded to the situation with firmness of resolve and patient negotiation. He spoke for traditional academic values and devoted his Presidency to ensuring that those values were maintained. Under his guidance, Simon Fraser University emerged, tempered by the fire, and quickly went on to new strengths.

Following the announcement of his resignation as President, he was widely praised for his courageous leadership during his term of office. The Honourable William Hamilton, a member of the Board of Governors, said:

"I think Ken Strand has done, as President of Simon Fraser University, one of the most remarkable jobs of leadership I have ever seen at any kind of organization anywhere at any time."

After this senior, challenging office, he returned quietly to his Department, almost, it seemed, in Alexander Pope's words, "The world forgetting, by the world forgot." But he has been actively engaged ever since in the fundamental activities of the University, teaching and research, and hundreds of students have profited by his wisdom and guidance.

We are pleased to award him an honorary degree for his invaluable service to Simon Fraser University and to commend his actions as the right man in the right place at the right time.

Mr. Chancellor, I now ask on behalf of the Senate of this University that you confer upon Kenneth Thomson Strand the title and degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.