Mr. Chancellor, it is my privilege to present John Bligh whose life's work illuminates the observation that science, in contrast to art, is an enterprise requiring cooperation between its practitioners. As technological society becomes ever more complex and the problems it generates become international in scope, scientists increasingly must work together and their cooperative effort must bridge political and cultural boundaries. In the research and teaching career of Professor John Bligh, we find exemplified the spirit of international cooperation which the best of modern science demands.

During the past 35 years he has worked and lectured in over 18 countries on six continents; in tropical and in arctic regions; in developed, developing and under-developed nations; in the West as well as in the East. His research into the temperature regulation of mammals, outlined in more than 150 publications, record many discoveries essential to the understanding and conquest of extreme heat and cold. Adding to his well-deserved recognition within the global community of scholars, he has fulfilled many tasks essential to the organization and administration of international research in his field of study.

For the past eight years John Bligh has been Director of the prestigious Institute of Arctic Biology and the Division of Life Sciences at the University of Alaska and also has served on the editorial boards of every important scientific journal in his discipline. Along with many distinguished scientific citations and appointments, John Bligh is a member of the Physiological Societies of Britain, Canada, the United States, Hungary and Peru. Selecting only one example which attests to his international acclaim, in 1986 the Hungarian Physiological Society bestowed on him the Racz Samuel Medal.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote that a "Good Symbol is the best argument, and is a missionary to persuade thousands." For his remarkable success in fostering collaborative understanding among scientists around the world, John Bligh stands as a symbol in the best sense intended by the American essayist. Mr. Chancellor, for his exemplary role as a scientist of international repute and for his scholarly contributions on temperature regulation in mammals and vertebrates, it is my pleasure on behalf of the Senate of this University to present John Bligh for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.