Mr. Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to introduce Mr. Brandt Louie, a man of boundless generosity and unwavering loyalty to family, friends, and community. An exemplary business leader, gracious philanthropist, and steadfast friend of education, Brandt Louie has applied well and consistently the philosophy he learned at his father's knee: strive to establish relationships based on trust and always work hard to deserve that trust.

After earning his CA designation, Brandt gained experience with Touche Ross. Subsequently, he joined the family business, H. Y. Louie Co. Limited, and in the late 1980s, he assumed leadership of this family firm and also of London Drugs Limited. A strong believer in the virtue of collaboration, Brandt infused these companies with a new vision for growth and an emphasis on the customer. Today, he oversees an influential commercial enterprise, one that remains faithful to the values of loyalty and integrity so cherished by his father and grandfather, but which has grown far beyond the inheritance they left him in size, complexity and value.

Like the previous generations of Louies, Brandt has extended his hand in friendship to the entire community, his broad interests reflected in the numerous and varied organizations he supports, such as the Vancouver Board of Trade, the Royal Bank of Canada, and the World Economic Forum. He has worked quietly and unassumingly to ensure the continued well-being of the Vancouver Symphony Society and the University Hospital Society. He is also a National Trustee of the Neuroscience Canada Foundation and for fifteen years, he was a Co-Chair of the Variety Club’s Cash for Kids Programme.

Brandt Louie has always been deeply committed to education, again in the strong tradition of his family. He has served on advisory boards to two of the most prominent educational institutions in the world: the Duke University Medical School and Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. And we are privileged that his generosity has also touched Simon Fraser University. As Chairman of our Board of Governors for an unusually protracted series of three re-appointments, he has offered wise counsel and leadership to this institution. Most recently as Chairman of our Reaching New Heights financial campaign, he has been instrumental in communicating our aspirations to the entire community. Recently, Brandt established with a gift of $1million the H.Y. Louie Entrance Awards for students in financial need. And now to our great delight, he has been elected Chancellor of Simon Fraser University.
Mr. Chancellor, the Louie family has a long and noble history in this province. Brandt Louie has worked tirelessly to ensure the continuation of the legacy left by his father and grandfather. He enjoys an international reputation as a principled and creative leader, and he has received many honours for his contributions to community, including the Golden Heart Community Achievement Award and the Medal of Merit from the International Association of Lions Clubs. Today, on behalf of the Senate of this University, I ask that you confer upon Brandt Channing Louie the degree Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. 