Mr. Chancellor, it is my privilege to present Rosalie Segal, a British Columbian whose generous spirit is the very essence of philanthropy. Gracious, resourceful, and dedicated, she has inspired many to embrace their community. As benefactor and as patron of the arts and higher education, Rosalie Segal's many selfless deeds give fresh meaning to the words, “To those to whom much is given, much is expected.”

Rosalie learned the importance of giving of oneself from her parents, Chava and Abrasha Wosk. While still a young girl she shared her time and good fortune with the community. Later, after she married Joseph Segal, Rosalie's home and heart were always open. Her immense capacity for giving found expression in many worthy causes, including Canadian Friends of Boys, State of Israel Bonds and the United Jewish Appeal. As Rosalie and Joseph's family grew, so did their generosity. Together with her husband Joseph, but always making a pivotal, individual contribution, she has supported many organizations, among them The United Way, Variety Club, Children's Hospital, Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance, and Christ Church Cathedral. For her work, Rosalie has received numerous accolades and citations, including the United Way's Award of Distinction and the Variety Club's Golden Heart Community Achievement.

Simon Fraser University, too, has felt her kindness. For more than twenty years, Rosalie has been one of our dearest friends. Many years ago she learned of our students with special needs. With the single-minded perseverance for which she is known and admired, Rosalie initiated projects to support individual students. In 1982, she broadened that commitment to establish the Rosalie Segal Endowment for Students with Special Needs. Over the years she has also been a partner with Joseph Segal in many fundraising activities on behalf of the university.

We are fortunate in this province to have among us an individual whose compassion binds people together in a spirit of sharing. In her quiet, unassuming way, she has touched the lives of many thousands and set an example for us all. Mr. Chancellor, on behalf of the Senate of this University, I ask that you now confer upon Rosalie Segal the degree Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.