Madam Chancellor, it is with particular pleasure that I introduce Donald J. Hudson, a man whose sense of public duty defines our idea of citizenship. Wise where action and integrity combine, Donald Hudson is a match for the best among us; in his commitment to our community, he is a match for the most inspired; and in his leisure love of trekking, he is a match for mountains.

A West Coast native son, Donald Hudson was graduated in 1952 from the University of British Columbia after majoring in economics and mathematics. Commerce called him and he replied by exercising a conscientious balance between private life and public responsibility. His career progressed through the executive ranks of private enterprise, culminating in 1982 when he assumed the presidency of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, a position he has held with distinction for over a decade. As a director on corporate boards ranging from British Pacific Properties Limited to Norwich Union Life Insurance Society, Donald Hudson enjoys a reputation that joins high competence with high principle.

Commercial success and commercial service command our respect but it is his service to community that calls us to honor Donald Hudson. Included among the many community agencies that benefit from his voluntary leadership are the International Financial Centre, the YMCA, the Niagara Institute and the Canadian Journalism Foundation. His past community service includes serving as Regional Director for The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, Director of the Playhouse Theatre and as Director of the Canadian Committee on the Pacific Basin Economic Council.

Above all others, two singular contributions to community life stand out. Donald Hudson has served for nine years on the Board of trustees of St. Paul's Hospital, the last three years as Chairman. For service to Simon Fraser University, no one could surpass his diligent and strong stewardship or the sagacity of his advice. For six years, he gave guidance as a member of the University's Board of Governors, three years as Board Chairman. He now presides over the Simon Fraser University Foundation Board, representing the University to those beyond the campus while using his understanding of the public interest to inform the University's councils. Donald Hudson possesses a quality much needed in difficult times - the quality of making sound judgments free from narrow self-interest. When he walks the high valleys and alpine meadows that are his love and recreation, he shall be accompanied by our appreciation for true service to Simon Fraser University and to the community in which we live.

On behalf of the University Senate, Madam Chancellor, for his accomplishments in business and community citizenship, I present Donald J. Hudson for the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.