Madam Chancellor, I present to you Dr. Pauline Jewett, former President and long-term friend of Simon Fraser University. Educator, scholar, crusader for peace, Canadian nationalist and politician - throughout Pauline Jewett's years of public service, the defense of basic rights and freedoms has been her hallmark and her testimonial.

Born in St. Catharines, Ontario, she began her academic career in the 1940s, earning both a Bachelors and Masters Degree from Queen's University, followed by a Ph.D. from Harvard where she distinguished herself as the first female doctoral student in political science. In 1955, she was one of the first two women to receive a faculty appointment at Carleton University, progressing to full professor by 1966. The following year she became Director of Carleton's Institute of Canadian Studies.

Named President of Simon Fraser University in 1974, Dr. Jewett broke new ground as the first female President of a major coeducational university in this country. She skilfully crafted an agenda promoting Canadian scholarship and provided a model for other academic women to emulate – a model further dignified by her appointment as the inaugural President of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women.

It has been said that the first part of politics is education and it is small wonder that politics arose as a calling Pauline Jewett came to love. In her own words, she is dedicated to "life, liberty and the average person" and her educator's zeal served her constituents well through eleven years in Parliament. Always guided by an abiding belief in national unity, her service in the House of Commons drew vitality from the critical insight she applied to Canada's external affairs, arms control, disarmament, women's issues and constitutional debate.

Continuing her close attachment to academe, Pauline Jewett holds the office of Chancellor at Carleton University where she received an honorary degree in 1987. For her service to higher education and Simon Fraser University, for her dedication to the common good in politics, it is now our privilege to recognize her singular achievements. Madam Chancellor, I am pleased on behalf of the University Senate to present Dr. Pauline Jewett for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.