Mr. Chancellor, it is my special honour to present to you Thelma Finlayson, an entomologist of international standing and one of this University's finest and truest friends. Her extraordinary devotion to Simon Fraser University and its students gives fresh credence to Emerson's words: "A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."

After a distinguished thirty-year career with the Federal Department of Agriculture, she joined Simon Fraser University in 1967. Here, in the Department of Biological Sciences she carried on her research in larval taxonomy, taught courses in entomology, introductory biology, and pest management until her retirement in 1979, when she became Simon Fraser University's first Professor Emerita. From the start, faculty, staff and students admired Thelma Finlayson for her integrity, compassion, good humour, and commitment.

Her record as scientist is an enviable one. She has published numerous articles in scientific journals, the first in 1938 and the most recent in 1990. Indeed, her stature is such that two species of insects have been named for her, and one of her major papers has been translated into Chinese. As a faculty member, her contributions have been equally impressive, ranging far beyond the laboratory to include work on numerous committees and projects such as the President’s Continuing Committee on the Status of Women at SFU, the Eastern Indonesian University Project, the Admissions Committee for the Master of Pest Management Program, and the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies.

These achievements would be enough for anyone, but Thelma Finlayson is a woman of vision and determination. Since her retirement she has carried on counselling our students as the Special Advisor, Academic Resource Office of which she was one of the founding members. Over the years some six thousand students with academic difficulties have benefited from her wisdom. As unstinting with her financial support as she is with her time and talent, Thelma Finlayson gives generously to various student and university causes, and especially to The Thelma Finlayson Fellowship, which she established in 1985.

She has received many honours for her work in entomology and her service to the University. She is an Honorary Life Member of the Entomological Society of British Columbia and a Fellow of the Entomological Society of Canada. She received the C.D. Nelson Memorial Prize in 1986 for outstanding service to the University outside of her academic duties. And in 1989, in recognition of her philanthropic and volunteer leadership, The Thelma Finlayson Society was established in her honour to recognize all donors to the University.
Mr. Chancellor, in spirit, word, and deed, Thelma Finlayson represents the heart and soul of Simon Fraser University. It is my privilege, on behalf of the Senate of this University, to present Thelma Finlayson for the Degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. 