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CONFERRING OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING "HONORIS CAUSA"

JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT

"MR. CHANCELLOR,

TONIGHT WE HONOUR AN ADOPTED SON OF THIS COUNTRY.

MORE THAN EIGHTY YEARS AGO, HE WAS BORN IN THE UNITED STATES;

A LITTLE MORE THAN FORTY YEARS AGO HE CAME TO THIS COUNTRY TO

TAKE UP APPOINTMENT AS GENERAL MANAGER OF MOUNT ISA MINES

LIMITED. WHILE HE RENDERED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THIS

COUNTRY IN MANY SPHERES OVER THOSE FORTY YEARS, I REGRET TO

HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT IT WAS NOT UNTIL LITTLE MORE THAN FIVE

YEARS AGO THAT HE TOOK THE REAL PLUNGE AND BECAME AN AUSTRALIAN

CITIZEN. AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT IT WAS A LONG CONSIDERED

AND A MATURE JUDGMENT, AND THE RECORD THAT I PROPOSE TO RECOUNT

REVEALS THAT HIS DECISION TO BECOME ONE OF US DOES HONOUR TO

THIS, HIS ADOPTED COUNTRY.

OUR HONORARY GRADUAND, JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT IS NOW IN HIS EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR. HAD THIS OCCASION TAKEN PLACE THREE DAYS LATER WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN CELEBRATING HIS EIGHTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY. AS ONE WHO HAS HAD HAPPY AND MEMORABLE ASSOCIATIONS WITH HARVARD UNIVERSITY, I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT HE IS A GRADUATE OF YALE, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN 1906. HE SPENT MANY YEARS IN THE MINING INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN MEXICO. THEN, AS I HAVE RELATED, HE CAME TO AUSTRALIA IN 1930. IN 1937 HE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MOUNT ISA MINES LIMITED AND NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS LIMITED. HE RETIRED AS CHAIRMAN IN 1953 BUT REMAINED A MEMBER OF THE BOARD UNTIL 1967.

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HE HAS HELD MANY OTHER SENIOR APPOINTMENTS IN VARIOUS MINING, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES. HE HAS OCCUPIED IMPORTANT OFFICES IN PUBLIC LIFE AND HE HAS RECEIVED SOME NOTABLE AWARDS. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF MINES FOR FOURTEEN YEARS AND ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS, IN 1939 AND 1952, HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING AND METALLURGY. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING AND METALLURGICAL ENGINEERS AND OF THE INSTITUTE OF MINING AND METALLURGY, LONDON WHICH ACCORDED HIM THE RARE HONOUR OF THE AWARD OF ITS GOLD MEDAL IN 1960. EARLIER, IN 1946, THE AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING AND METALLURGY AWARDED HIM ITS MEDAL IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MINING AND ORE TREATMENT IN AUSTRALIA, PARTICULARLY IN MOUNT ISA AND IN NEW GUINEA. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON URANIUM MINING.

HE HAS HAD A CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS UNIVERSITY AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING FROM 1954 TO 1962. TOMORROW WE RECOGNISE HIM ONCE AGAIN WHEN WE NAME A NEW BUILDING AT THE UNIVERSITY MINE SITE IN HIS HONOUR.

MR. CHANCELLOR, FOR MANY REASONS: FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAJOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THIS COUNTRY, FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TO VARIOUS BODIES IN THIS STATE AND THIS COUNTRY, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT SERVICE TO THIS UNIVERSITY, WE DO FITTING HONOUR TONIGHT TO A GRAND OLD MAN.

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MR. CHANCELLOR, I PRESENT TO YOU JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT, BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY, FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING, HONORIS CAUSA."

Chancellor says:

"JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, I ADMIT YOU TO THE RANK AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING'HONORIS CAUSA' IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."