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THE UNIVERSITY IS GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK OF TOM BARRY, AND IT IS VERY PLEASED TO ADMIT ONE WHO HAS SERVED SO WELL TO THE DISTINGUISHED RANKS OF ITS HONORARY GRADUATES.

MR. CHANCELLOR,

I PRESENT TO YOU THOMAS MAURICE BARRY, QUEEN'S COUNSEL, BACHELOR OF ARTS, SENATOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA."

When the Acting Vice-Chancellor concludes, the Chancellor says:

"THOMAS MAURICE BARRY BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR, I ADMIT YOU TO THE RANK AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS 'HONORIS CAUSA' IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."

After Dr. Barry resumes his seat the Marshal brings Mr. Connell to the second lectern and the Acting Vice-Chancellor says:

"MR. CHANCELLOR.

OVER MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS; CYRIL JOHN CONNELL HAS SERVED THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND WITH GREAT DISTINCTION AS AN ADMINISTRATOR AND TEACHER. IN THE FIELD OF SPORT HE EARNED A HIGH REPUTATION.

IN FOUR MAIN WAYS, SINCE JOINING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IN 1916, HE HAS CONTRIBUTED UNSTINTINGLY TO THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND.

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE OF STATE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HE COMMENCED HIS DUTTES AS A CLERK AND LATER OCCUPIED POSITIONS AS SECRETARY AND ACCOUNTANT IN THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

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THE SECOND FIELD OF SERVICE WAS IN TEACHING COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN QUEENSLAND. THIS LED TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS PRINCIPAL OF THE STATE COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BRISBANE.

DURING THESE PERIODS, CYRIL CONNELL PLAYED A NOTABLE PART IN RAISING THE STANDING AND PRESTIGE OF HIS PROFESSION OF ACCOUNTANCY. BY HIS WRITING, TEACHING, AND LECTURING, AND THROUGH HIS MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS, HE ADVANCED THE STUDY OF ACCOUNTANCY AND FOSTERED A CLOSE AND CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROFESSION AND THE UNIVERSITY.

HIS FOURTH, AND UNDOUBTEDLY HIS GREATEST, CONTRIBUTION COMMENCED IN 1954 WHEN HE BECAME DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND. IN 1957, HE WAS APPOINTED REGISTRAR AND PLAYED A MOST IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY IN A DECADE OF UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH BOTH IN NUMBERS, AND IN ACADEMIC STATURE. DURING THIS BUSY TIME, HE GAVE LOYAL AND DEEPLY—APPRECIATED SUPPORT TO OUR LATE VICE—CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR SIR FRED SCHONELL. HE BECAME KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSITY FOR HIS CARE AND JUDGEMENT; FOR THE GENTLE STRENGTH AND INSIGHT OF HIS ADMINISTRATION; FOR HIS ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY; FOR HIS WARM UNDERSTANDING. MANY STAFF AND STUDENTS HAVE BEEN HELPED BY HIS SYMPATHETIC ADVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. HE RETIRES FROM THE UNIVERSITY LOVED AND RESPECTED BY THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE CAUSE TO BE GRATEFUL TO CYRIL CONNELL AND TODAY RECOGNISE HIS OUTSTANDING CAPACITY AND WISDOM AS AN ADMINISTRATOR AND HIS GREAT PERSONAL DEDICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND.

MR. CHANCELLOR,

I PRESENT TO YOU CYRIL JOHN CONNELL, COMMANDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, BACHELOR OF COMMERCE,