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HIS CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS WERE RECOGNISED BY THE AWARD OF AN O.B.E., AND THE GRANTING OF A FELLOWSHIP BY THE AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TESTIFIES TO THE REGARD IN WHICH HE IS HELD BY THE EDUCATION PROFESSION.

IN 1956, HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND. HE IS ADMIRABLY QUALIFIED TO ADD INSIGHT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY, AND HE HAS PLAYED A VALUABLE ROLE IN THE WORK OF THE SENATE AND ITS COMMITTEES. HE HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND HAS BROUGHT HIS WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION IN QUEENSLAND TO BEAR ON MANY UNIVERSITY MATTERS. HIS SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND TO EDUCATION GENERALLY HAS BEEN GENEROUS AND VALUABLE, AND THE UNIVERSITY IS PROUD TO HONOUR HIM.

MR. CHANCELLOR.

I PRESENT TO YOU HENRY EMMANUEL ROBERTS, MASTER OF ARTS, OFFICER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, FELLOW OF THE AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SENATOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LETTERS HONORIS CAUSA."

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

"HENRY EMMANUEL ROBERTS 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 LETTERS 'HONORIS CAUSA' IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."

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

"MR. CHANCELLOR,

TOM BARRY WAS BORN AT MOUNT ALBION IN NORTH QUEENSLAND AND BEGAN HIS EDUCATION AT A SMALL ONE-TEACHER SCHOOL. HE WENT ON FROM THERE TO GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, AND THEN TO EMBRACE AND PRACTICE TWO PROFESSIONS.

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HE BEGAN HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE AS A TEACHER, SERVING AT MOUNT MORGAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL, THE COMMERCIAL STATE HIGH SCHOOL IN BRISBANE, AND AT DALBY. AFTER FIVE YEARS AT FULL-TIME TEACHING HE TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO THE STUDY OF LAW. HOWEVER, IN HIS SUBSEQUENT LEGAL CAREER HE CONTINUED TO CARRY THE TORCH OF LEARNING, AND REMAINED DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE STUDY OF LITERATURE AND THE PROMOTION OF AUSTRALIAN WRITING. HE WAS A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS, HE ACTED AS JUDGE IN LITERARY COMPETITIONS, AND FOR A TIME HE CONDUCTED UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND TUTORIAL CLASSES IN TOWNSVILLE.

IN 1928, TOM BARRY WAS ADMITTED AS A BARRISTER-AT-LAW. HE SERVED, DURING WORLD WAR II, AS A LEGAL OFFICER IN THE A.M.F. AND WAS APPOINTED QUEEN'S COUNSEL IN 1952, IN THE SAME YEAR, HIS BREADTH OF ABILITY WAS RECOGNISED WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND, PRESIDENT OF THE QUEENSLAND STATE COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE QUEENSLAND CENTRAL SUGARCANE PRICES BOARD. HE LATER RETURNED TO PRIVATE PRACTICE, AND HAS SINCE CARRIED ON HIS PROFESSION OF TEACHING.

IN 1951, HE RENEWED HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND WHEN HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY. HE THEN BEGAN A PERIOD OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY WHICH HAS BEEN OF VERY GREAT VALUE. HIS EXPERT LEGAL KNOWLEDGE, AND HIS ELOQUENCE AND SKILL IN THE BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THE MANY COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY TO WHICH HE WILLINGLY ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT, HAVE MADE HIS WORK VERY SIGNIFICANT IN THE PERIOD OF DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE OF THE LAST FEW YEARS. HE HAS EARNED THE RESPECT OF ALL FOR HIS INSISTENCE THAT THE UNIVERSITY TAKE CARE IN ALL ITS ACTIONS TO PROTECT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE INTERESTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

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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.