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"ALEXANDER PATERSON MURPHY, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSURANCE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, I ADMIT YOU TO THE RANK AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE, 'HONORIS CAUSA', IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."

After the Chancellor resumes his seat, the Marshal brings Professor Sutton to the side of the Vice-Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor says:

"MR. CHANCELLOR.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR NEVILLE GRAHAM SUTTON WAS BORN IN BRISBANE, AND GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY IN 1917. AFTER POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN EDINBURGH, HE RETURNED TO BRISBANE TO A CAREER IN WHICH HE HAS CONTRIBUTED NOTABLY TO THE PROFESSION OF MEDICINE IN THIS STATE, TO THE TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THIS UNIVERSITY, AND TO HIS VOCATION AS A SURGEON.

HIS SERVICE TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IS SEEN IN HIS ELECTION AS HONORARY SECRETARY, AND LATER AS PRESIDENT, OF WHAT WAS THEN THE QUEENSLAND BRANCH OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

DURING THAT TIME HE AND SOME COLLEAGUES HAD WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEDICAL SCHOOL WITHIN THIS UNIVERSITY.

IN 1937 HE BECAME THE FIRST PART-TIME LECTURER IN SURGERY IN THE NEW SCHOOL, AND AS THE DEMANDS OF THE SCHOOL GREW, A GRADATION OF PART-TIME AND HALF-TIME PROFESSORIAL APPOINTMENTS CULMINATED IN HIS APPOINTMENT AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND, IN 1958, FIRST FULL-TIME PROFESSOR OF SURGERY. HE RETIRED IN 1962, AND WAS MADE EMERITUS PROFESSOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

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PROFESSOR SUTTON'S LATER YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY

WERE DURING A PERIOD OF MARKED DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION

THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA. BOTH ON NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

AND WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY HE PLAYED A LEADING PART IN PLANNING

FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT.

HOWEVER NIPPER SUTTON WILL BE REMEMBERED EVEN MORE FOR HIS UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO HIS TEACHING. GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS HAVE BECOME SURGEONS, INSPIRED TO EMULATE HIS COMPETENCE AND ENCOURAGED BY HIS UNFAILING HUMANITY.

HIS DEDICATION TO HIS VOCATION HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE FELLOWSHIPS OF THE COLLEGES OF SURGEONS, AND IN HIS MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS AND OF ITS COURT OF EXAMINERS.

MR. CHANCELLOR, I PRESENT TO YOU EMERITUS PROFESSOR

NEVILLE GRAHAM SUTTON, BACHELOR OF MEDICINE, MASTER OF SURGERY,

FELLOW OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, FELLOW OF THE

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH, FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE

OF DOCTOR OF SURGERY, 'HONORIS CAUSA'."

When the Vice-Chancellor concludes the Chancellor says:

"NEVILLE GRAHAM SUTTON, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSURANCE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, I ADMIT YOU TO THE RANK AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SURGERY, 'HONORIS CAUSA', IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."