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KENNETH LAUREN BURNS, son of Hampshire College, filmmaker for the nation, we honor you today for your achievement in documentary film. Your nine films, including *The Brooklyn Bridge*; *The Shakers: Hands to Work, Hearts to God*; *Huey Long*; and *The Statue of Liberty* won wide acclaim, but nothing could have prepared the nation for *The Civil War*, your eleven-hour masterpiece that galvanized this country. We thank you for featuring Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, a son of Bowdoin, with whom you share a mastery of the English language, a true sense of history, perseverance and grace. We salute your achievements, and await your film about baseball. President Edwards, I am honored to present to you KENNETH LAUREN BURNS for the degree of DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, honoris causa.