

BOWDOIN COLLEGE  
Commencement 1990

LEROY KEITH, JR., eighth president of Morehouse College and a Phi Beta Kappa member of Its Class of 1961, native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and holder of an M.A. and Ph.D. from Indiana University, we welcome you today back to New England. We remember that in 1975, when you were thirty-six years old, you were appointed chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, becoming the first black to hold such a position in American higher education. You have filled other roles at the University of Massachusetts and at Dartmouth, and you have served as vice-president for policy and planning for the five-campus University of Maryland and its 90,000 students. We congratulate you for having gone back to lead your 123-year-old alma mater, a college whose values and humane aspirations we share. We recall the Morehouse-Bowdoin Exchange Program of the '60s as a record of our kinship, and pay tribute to the role of your distinguished college in the historic struggle for human rights and understanding. Confident that Morehouse will continue to serve these noble ends under your able leadership, we declare you, *honoris causa*, DOCTOR OF LAWS.