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THE HONORABLE JOHN R. McKERNAN, JR., Governor of the state of Maine, native of Bangor, graduate of Dartmouth and of the University of Maine Law School, former Congressman and state legislator, you are honored today not only for your remarkable career of public service, but for the leadership you have shown in shaping the Maine of tomorrow. You have reminded us that Maine's share in the economy of the 21st century is directly linked to the educational accomplishments of our young people. You have worked to strengthen the state university system, to increase funding for local schools, to raise the level of common learning, and to build a financial aid program that will open wider the doors of higher education to Maine boys and girls. We greet you today not only as this state's chief executive, but also as a concerned colleague, and declare you *honoris causa*, DOCTOR OF LAWS.