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PATRICIA R. PLANTE, writer and scholar, college president and civic leader, daughter of Waterville, St. Joseph's and Boston University, we pay tribute to you today for the new sense of excitement and purpose you have brought to higher education in your branch of the University of Maine System. You have championed the right of **all** people in Maine to a higher education. In a recent essay you remind us that a vocational education lacks "authenticity" if it does not impart a love of humane learning, a familiarity with our cultural heritage. As president of the University of Southern Maine, you have campaigned tirelessly to guarantee that a grand old city like Portland will enjoy a fine institution of higher learning. Knowing how much Bowdoin has been enriched over the years by Brunswick's Franco-American community, we take special pleasure in saluting your own ethnic heritage today. In honoring you, we also honor the university you serve, and take pleasure in declaring you, *honoris causa*, DOCTOR OF LITERATURE.