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JAMES RUSSELL WIGGINS, we honor you today for your 66 years of service to what your hero Thomas Jefferson and Bowdoin's first president Joseph McKeen called "the common Good." After a long and distinguished career in journalism, including over two decades as editor of the Washington Post, and a tour as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, you supposedly retired in 1969 to Brooklin, Maine--where you promptly turned the Ellsworth American into the best weekly newspaper in the country. There you continue, in your 85th year, to write with wit and passion, convinced that an informed citizenry, be it in Washington, D.C., or Hancock County, Maine, is the only guarantee of a democratic society. Bowdoin is honored to call a kindred spirit neighbor. *Honoris causa*: DOCTOR OF LETTERS.