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Robert McAfee Brown

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree ROBERT MCAFEE BROWN, Christian minister, scholar, teacher and humanist.

Dr. Brown has served as chaplain to students, chaplain to members of the military and, through his writing, ministered to countless readers for whom the riches of Christian theology might have otherwise remained inaccessible. As writer, translator and editor, he has made valuable contributions to theological thought, both Catholic and Protestant, and has written under both Catholic and Protestant auspices. He has taught with distinction at Macalester College, Union Theological Seminary, Stanford University and the Pacific School for Religion, where he now serves as Professor of Theology and Ethics. As theologian, minister and teacher, Dr. Brown also has brought honor to Kalamazoo College as an outstanding and enriching Armstrong Lecturer. Moreover, his influence has never been limited to pulpit, library and classroom, significant though that influence has been. He was a freedom rider in the early sixties; an official observer of the Vatican II Council, at the invitation of Popes John XXIII and Paul VI; a strong advocate of Christian ecumenism; and a faithful champion of human rights and economic justice wherever oppression has occurred.

Therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon ROBERT MCAFEE BROWN be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity.