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## John Hope Franklin

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree, JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, distinguished historian, international lecturer, and gifted teacher. In his warm perceptive teaching, objective scholarship, lucid writing, world travelling and world lecturing, he has brought to the minds of men from Chicago to Sweden, from Cambridge, England, to Cambridge, Massachusetts, a poignant and perceptive analysis of the tragedy and the hope of Afro-American history. He has called to black people to search for their past and to white people to understand that search. In his sanity and prescience, in his charm and gentle wit he has spoken to all people of the urgent need for international education. He warns that man "must build up an international community of scholars that cuts across narrow differences, that transcends prejudice," that man must "narrow the breach between the intellectual community and the body politic." Then, "out of . . . wisdom and firm belief in mankind's inner strength comes the sure hope." In a tense and turbulent hour, his is the calm and forceful voice. Therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws.