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Anna Dorothy Wylie

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree ANNA DOROTHY WYLIE, humanitarian. Born in Colorado, educated at the University of Kansas, with an advanced degree from the University of Chicago, she came to this community in 1935 when her husband, T. Thomas Wylie, was called as pastor of First Baptist Church. Ever since, she has worked tirelessly for racial integration, world peace, consumer interests, business ethics and justice at large in society.

She founded locally the first nursery school for disadvantaged children which was a forerunner of the Head Start program. She organized Big Brother and Big Sister inter-racial groups and the Women's Action Committee for Lasting Peace. She has been state chairman of United Church Women. Her latest involvement is as an active member of Amnesty International.

The first woman to receive the Alumna of the Year Award from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, she has been recognized by many other groups such as B'nai B'rith for her fierce commitment and gentle persuasion in the cause of social justice and world peace. It is proper that the College which honored her distinguished husband now join others in honoring her who has done so much to demonstrate that concern for the quality of one's community is the first step in dealing with world problems.

Therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon ANNA DOROTHY WYLIE be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters.