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Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree MAYNARD MACK, distinguished scholar, editor, and teacher. Native of Michigan, Mr. Mack received both his B.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University where he is now Sterling Professor of English. His election to the Presidency of the Modern Language Association in 1970, his visiting lectureships at the University of Washington, University of Toronto, University of California at Berkeley, and the University of London, and his receipt of Guggenheim and Fulbright fellowships all indicate the respect accorded his scholarly achievements. Author of important books on Shakespeare and Alexander Pope, he has also written numerous articles and reviews.

His work has set high standards of exactness, insight, and readability for other scholars, but Mr. Mack has also had a major impact upon the teaching of literature in high schools and colleges. His films designed for high school classes and his editing of texts and critical anthologies aimed primarily at undergraduates have helped to make literature accessible to students at all levels. Pope himself, who found no ideal critic after the golden times of Greece and Rome, might have found Mr. Mack

the man, who counsel can bestow,
Still pleased to teach, and yet not proud to know . . .

Blest with a taste exact, yet unconfined;
A knowledge both of books and human kind.

Therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon MAYNARD MACK be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Literature.